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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Rent Increases

It will be admitted by even the most ardent critics that the Colonial Secretary yesterday presented the Bill which, among other things, will permit increases in standard rents, in a fairly convincing manner. He was not, however, altogether fair to those who have taken umbrage over the recommendations contained in the McNeill report, for the tenor of criticism has been not that the proposals in themselves are outrageous, but that rent increases at the moment are ill-timed; that the Colony as a whole is going through a period of depression and that large numbers of workers, particularly those known as the white collar class, will have their pockets hit by additional rental charges. The assurance of the Colonial Secretary that Government intends to offer every possible protection to sub-tenants is thoroughly welcomed. The creation of special departments of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on both sides of the harbour to deal with individual problems and to give advice means that it will be the sub-tenants' fault if they are exploited under the new legislation. And while the Colonial Secretary made no direct reference to the subject, it is presumed that these new departments will be placed at the disposal of the public free of charge. The point is important because hitherto victimised tenants seeking legal redress have found it advisable to engage professional services—a course beyond the means of many people. As we have observed before this part of the new legislation is a well-aimed blow at unscrupulous principal tenants and as such commands general approval.

THE one serious bone of contention rests in Government's proposal to increase standard rents for domestic premises 50 per cent within twelve months. It is true, as the Colonial Secretary emphasised, Government has modified the original recommendation of the McNeill committee, and broken the increase down to two instalments of 25 per cent each. But the effect on the pockets of the middle-class workers can still be serious. We are in no position to anticipate the amendments to the Bill which the Unofficials have indicated they intend to move in a fortnight's time, but we imagine that these will chiefly be concerned with the actual rent increases proposed by Government. An acceptable case has been made out for landlords with pre-war property to receive a reasonable increase in rentals, but it remains imperative that tenants, particularly those on minimum or near-minimum monthly incomes, should not be made to suffer severe hardship. It might fairly be argued that a 50 per cent increase on standard rent in the course of 12 months is too heavy an imposition, and that a maximum of 30 per cent, in two instalments of 15 per cent, would be fairer. Obviously there is room for constructive debate on this point and the public will derive some satisfaction from the knowledge that the Unofficial members of Legislative Council intend to put forward their views in a forcible manner.

NEW APPEAL BY INDIA FOR KOREA ARMISTICE

Suggestion Made To Peking & Washington

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF WAR TODAY

New Delhi, June 24. India is understood to have urged both the American and Chinese Governments to make every effort to achieve an armistice speedily regardless of the South Korean release of North Korean prisoners, observers said here today. She is also believed to have suggested that the United Nations General Assembly should be convened at an early date to discuss the Korean situation, irrespective of the conclusion of an armistice. Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, former Indian High Commissioner in London, has been mentioned here as chairman of the neutral commission to supervise the repatriation of prisoners of war in Korea.

But the execution of India's plans for the despatch of her representative to the commission and troops to assist is dependent entirely on the conclusion of an armistice, according to official sources. The plans are therefore provisional and have moreover to be considered by Mr Nehru, the Prime Minister, who returns to New Delhi this weekend from his tour of Europe and Egypt.

ANNIVERSARY
Seoul, June 25. The fourth year of the bitter Korean war opens here today with a truce both closer and harder to achieve than ever before. Three weeks ago only pessimists thought the fighting would not be over by June 25, anniversary of the North Korean drive across the 38th parallel. But the South Korean release of about 25,000 prisoners of war has seemingly set back the truce indefinitely. In the past fortnight the war has been fierce with both sides taking heavy casualties in fighting for pieces of ground they have battled over for 20 months and more.

A special envoy from President Eisenhower, Mr Walter S. Robertson, is due from Tokyo here today in an attempt to make President Syngman Rhee of South Korea accept the United Nations truce policy.

President Rhee's Government plans to make the war's anniversary another day of protest in its campaign against a truce which leaves Korea divided. In a rehearsal yesterday afternoon armed police guarded the main Seoul streets and the tree-lined approach to the burnt-out Capital building which will be the route of a protest march. Mr Rhee will probably speak. During last year's observation of the anniversary an elderly gunman fired several shots in what was alleged to be an attempt on the President's life.

DIPLOMATS' HOPES
United Nations, June 24. Wiser heads among United Nations diplomats, believing that the anniversary is not likely to move Dr Syngman Rhee, hoped today that the President of South Korea could be persuaded gently that a truce would be best for his Republic.

The first aim of the United Nations in seeking peace in Korea is to avert a third world war. President Rhee, already involved in a war that has devastated his country, possibly believes World War III could bring no greater terror for his people. But the question being asked in United Nations circles on the eve of the third anniversary of the Korean war is this: Can another world war or even continuation of the present war result in the reunification of Korea?

The answer being given here is that no war of any size or character is going to bring about the national unity Dr Rhee prizes so highly. Three years of bloodshed on the peninsula have brought about a deadlock that could be broken only by a much greater military effort. It is reasoned that prolonging warfare there will not bring peace. Where, then, lies the long-range solution?

Kurt Carlsen Lifeboat



Captain Kurt Carlsen of Flying Enterprise fame, gives his name to a new Netherlands lifeboat, when he launched it at Noordwijk, near The Hague. — London Express.

Strikers Pour Boiling Tar Over Soviet Troops

Berlin, June 24. Freed prisoners from the Soviet zone were quoted here tonight as saying more than 50,000 East German strikers battered down prison doors and poured boiling tar over Soviet soldiers in Merseburg on June 17, the day of the East Berlin riots.

The anti-Communist West Berlin Information Bureau, West, gave reports from the prisoners who were the first to arrive in West Berlin after a week of night travel on foot through East Germany.

They did not want to have their names published because they left relatives behind, the Bureau said. The prisoners said the strikers came from the Leuna and Buna (artificial rubber) Works, near Merseburg. The strikers were met at the prison gates with Tommy gun fire from Soviet troops and East Berlin police, they said. The strikers retreated temporarily then returned with vats of boiling tar used for roads and hurled them at the soldiers. Several soldiers were seriously hurt.

The guards retreated into the cellars of the building before the strikers, who freed more than 100 prisoners. The guards were then forced to surrender their arms and were beaten up. On the same day several thousand workers freed 300 prisoners from the Magdeburg Neustadt Prison, the Bureau said.

The guards there offered no resistance and actually handed over to the strikers prison and cell keys and their arms. Demonstrators also freed 90 prisoners from the police headquarters in Magdeburg. There the guards opened fire and killed 10 people including an 11-year-old child, the Information Bureau, West, said.

The infuriated crowd then stormed the building, disarmed the police and shot four policemen with their own rifles, the Bureau said. — Reuters.

ROSTOV TROUBLE REPORT
Belgrade, June 24. A well-informed diplomatic source said today that reports had been received here of a "serious workers' demonstration on June 19 in the Russian city of Rostov. There was no confirmation of the reports. — United Press.

Violent Quake Shocks

London, June 24. Two violent earthquakes shocks were felt in Azerbaijan and all other North Persian provinces yesterday, Tehran Radio reported tonight. — Reuters.

Protest Over HK Consular Appointment

Bonn, June 24. Herr Otto H. Groves, Social Democratic leader of the Bundestag (Lower House of the West German Parliament) today protested against the appointment of Herr Herbert Dittmann as Consul-General in Hongkong.

He reminded the Government that Dittmann was declared undesirable by a special Bundestag investigating committee because of his Nazi past and because he "testified contrary to the truth" before the Committee.

Professor Walter Hallstein, Permanent Head of the West German Foreign Office, said he saw no reason to dismiss Herr Dittmann who at present worked with the West German Observer at UN headquarters in New York. — Reuters.

Troops Work Overtime Preparing Atomic Test

Canberra, June 25. Picked troops have been working up to 70 hours a week for more than six months in the torrid South Australian desert, getting a site ready for Britain's next atomic test, it was disclosed here.

The test is to take place in the 10,000 square mile prohibited area containing on Woomera rocket range. Officials will not specify the exact spot nor the date, but according to information now available on the top-secret project, a staging base for supplies and equipment pouring into the desert has been set up on Gibber Plains at the head of Spencer Gulf.

The new forward base already taking shape is far beyond Woomera. Convoys of lorries carrying their own petrol and stores are taking the equipment from Woomera across trackless desert.

Aircraft are carrying about 80 per cent of the supplies. Up to six heavily laden Royal Australian Air Force Yorks from Woomera land daily on an improvised air strip six days each week.

The terrain encountered varies from the flatness of Gibber Plains covered with grey saltbush, blue bush and spiky spinifex and scarred by clay pans like the face of a donut planet to rolling sand and dunes.

To narrow the terrific supply problems every man at work on the project had to be trained for two or more jobs. But not even relatives knew that they were at work erecting scientific equipment, living quarters, water supplies and other facilities needed for work and life in the desert.

BORHOLES DRILLED
Boreholes were drilled to bring up water. It is so brackish that a distilling plant was needed. Even so water is restricted at the forward site. By now the camp is lit by electricity.

Dingo (wild dog) trapping is one of the few forms of recreation. The men are looking forward to collecting "nest eggs" in dingo scalp rewards. Early this year, the convoys rolled across the desert carrying the advance party. Living in tents alongside the airstrip the party worked under primitive conditions enduring the hardships of water shortage, eternal red dust and temperatures which ranged from 112 degrees Fahrenheit during the day down to freezing point at night.

Most Australian newspapers yesterday agreed that Britain's announcement of the new trials suggested that a new phase had been reached in the British atomic weapons programme. All agreed that "the tests would probably begin early next year. — Reuters.

SECRET TALKS
Washington, June 24. Sir John Cockcroft, British atomic energy chief, is in Washington for secret talks with United States atomic scientists, it was learned today. His visit, officially described as "routine", coincided with the (Contd. on back page, col. 4)

RUBBER EMBARGO STATEMENT BY LYTTTELTON

Cannot Be Lifted Without Consultation With UN

London, June 24. Mr Oliver Lyttelton, British Colonial Secretary, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that the embargo on rubber exports from Malaya to China could not be lifted without contravening Britain's obligations under the United Nations resolution of May 1951.

"Therefore any action taken must be conditional on obtaining the United Nations view on the matter," he said.

He had been asked by Mr S. S. Awbery (Labour) what steps were to be taken to lift the embargo immediately, an agreement in Korea was signed.

Mr Awbery added: "Are you aware that when the ban was imposed nearly two and a half years ago Malaya loyally carried out the terms, but that other countries continued to export rubber to China, with the result that they will find themselves at the winning post when peace comes while Malaya, who has honoured her obligation, will still remain at the starting post?"

Mr Lyttelton replied that the embargo was a matter of reference of the Malayan rubber industry inquiry so that it would include working conditions, the effect of the production of synthetic rubber upon the industry and the need for establishing unemployment insurance for the workers.

Mr Lyttelton replied: "No, sir. This inquiry is being instituted not by the Government of Malaya, alone but by agreement between that Government and the industry to deal with certain specific problems of common concern to both."

A FARE?
Mr Awbery: "Is the Colonial Secretary aware that any inquiry which does not embrace every feature of the industry will turn out to be a farce? Will he not include the wages of the planters, conditions in the industry, the control of prices and the production of synthetic rubber with its effect on the production of natural rubber in Malaya?"

Mr Lyttelton: "I do not agree. I think it would be incorrect for this body to consider working conditions and wages which are a matter for consideration between employers and the unions."

Mr Ian Winterbottom (Labour) asked about the composition and terms of reference of the proposed committee on elections to the Federal Legislative Council. He wanted to know whether it would have the vice of persons experienced in

French Premiership

M. Laniel To Seek Investiture

Paris, June 25. M. Joseph Laniel, said to be the wealthiest member of the French Parliament, today sets about plying together a National Assembly majority to elect him Prime Minister.

He is the fifth in the series of politicians to accept President Vincent Auriol's invitation to try to form a government replacing the Mayer administration which fell on May 21. The previous four failed to get the necessary 314 National Assembly votes to put them into office. Three others refused the President's request. M. Laniel, with a record of stubborn resistance to the Germans in World War II, is popular in all parties. Originally a member of the extreme right—he was first elected to Parliament in 1932—M. Laniel is now a Moderate Conservative.

The owner of a Normandy textile factory, he is known as a "progressive" employer taking a liberal attitude towards labour. As a member of the National Resistance Council set up after the defeat of France in 1940, he worked as a liaison officer between France and London. — Reuters.

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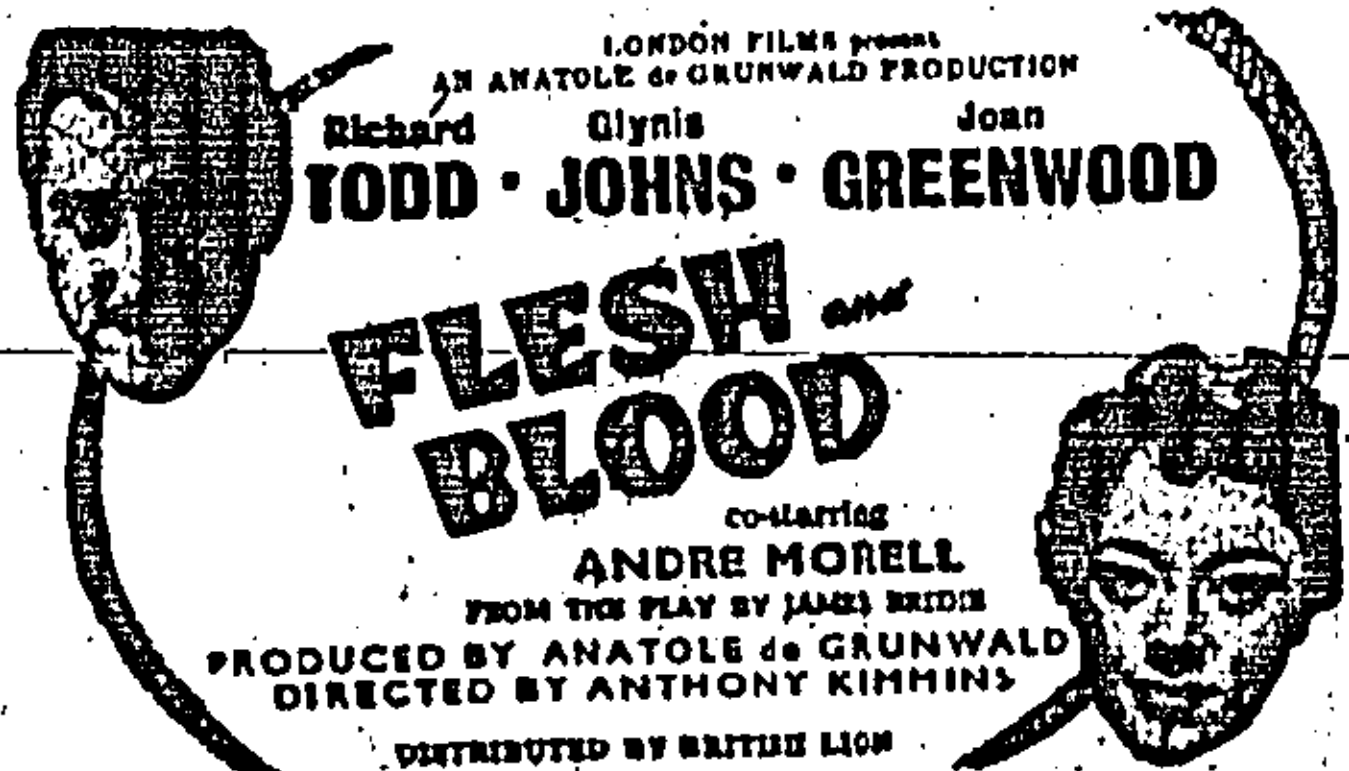
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Netherlands Applies Ban

New York, June 24. The Netherlands Government has informed the United Nations that it has prohibited any Dutch ship from calling "at any port in China or North Korea when carrying arms, ammunition or implements of war or strategic goods". The ban applies to all ships carrying the Netherlands flag and those owned or partially owned by Dutch nationals or citizens of Dutch territories. —Reuter.

Pilotless Target For Tests In Desert

London, June 24. Experts from a British firm have just returned from the North African desert, where they have been testing a new type of pilotless target aircraft. Several of these small radio-controlled planes were built for the tests, and it is expected that large quantities will soon be produced. They will be used for training anti-aircraft gunners.

Normally, gunners are trained by firing practice shots at a target which is towed along behind a conventional aircraft. But these targets lack realism. The new target is exactly like a conventional aircraft, except that it is very small and very cheap to produce. It is known as the U200.

It is expendable in the sense that if it is hit by the practice gunners who are firing at it then it is destroyed. The gunners miss the plane. It continues to fly until it runs out of fuel, and then a parachute opens automatically and brings it safely to ground. There is special gear to keep the aircraft aloft if it lands in the sea. The U200, which has straight wings and a butterfly or Vee tail, is powered by a small piston engine. It is launched by two 3-inch rockets, is only 12 ft. long and 12 ft. in span. It cruises at a little over 200 mph and weighs up to about 20,000 lb.

Because of its size the gunners can treat it for practice purposes as if it were a much bigger aircraft flying much higher and faster. It is controlled from the ground by radio, so that it can be made to manoeuvre by sending appropriate signals to the automatic pilot, which in turn operates the control surfaces of the wings and the tail.

To Beautify Unsightly Buildings

London, June 24. Britain's giant nationalised power stations and other main buildings administered by the British Electricity Authority are to be beautified. Unsightly large buildings are to be "dressed" with screens of big trees, smaller decorative trees and strategically placed bushes and shrubberies.

Great care is being taken to ensure that the new settings will blend with the surrounding countryside. "We are concentrating also on outbuildings, such as canteens, smaller pumping stations and administrative offices which, in many cases, will be laid out with bushes, plants and roads," an official of the Roads Beautifying Association, which are advising on the plan, said. "There will be within the outer screen of trees."

DE HAVILLAND EARN DOLLARS

London, June 24. One plane every two working hours is the production rate at the big De Havilland factory at Chester. Five different types are being built there—the Comet 2, the Dove and Heron small piston-engined passenger planes, and Venom and Vampire fighters. These planes are going to 11 different countries. The little (win-engined) Dove is one of Britain's best dollar earners.

COMBINED PLANT WILL PRODUCE ELECTRICITY AND HEAVY WATER

New Zealand Announces Unique Project

Wellington, N.Z., June 24.

The New Zealand and British Governments are to join forces in the development, at an estimated cost of £3,000,000, of a combined plant to produce electricity and heavy water by using geothermal steam.

The New Zealand Government has already "approved in principle" the construction of this combined plant at Wairakei, one of the vital pulses in the centre of the Dominion's thermal region, where a considerable amount of boring for geothermal steam has been carried out over the past three years.

Its decision will be followed up by all the departments concerned in the project—the Ministry of Works, the State Hydro-electric Department and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. An intensive drilling programme, on which £200,000 is to be spent, has begun in order to obtain the additional amount of steam required for the combined project.

The Government has also authorised the engagement of an overseas consultant in steam engineering to work with the Ministry of Works and the State Hydro-electric Department in co-operation with the British atomic establishment at Harwell. It is expected that when the combined plant comes into operation, its heavy water product will go to Harwell for use as a moderator in piles of atomic materials.

While the drilling programme is in progress, important corrosion and other tests will be made at the bores. Pressures from the steam bores are to be measured accurately and temperatures are to be gauged. These tests will be the responsibility of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and are expected to cost between £9,000 and £10,000.

TERRIFIC FORCE

Some indication of the corrosive force in the steam rising from the bores is given by the fact that it takes only a matter of minutes before holes are worn in thick steel plates put over the vents.

The recent opening up of a deep bore at Wairakei ushered in a new phase in the work of prospecting for geothermal steam.

The pressure issuing from this particular bore is about twice as great as that of the steam which issued from any previous bore.

With the valve closed, pressure reaches 450 lbs. to the square inch and during delivery the pressure on a gauge only 10 ft. down from the open end of an 8-inch diameter pipe is maintained at about 110 lbs. per square inch.

Although the measurement of that well presented some difficulty, it is assumed by the engineers and scientists working there that the available power from it will be between 5,000 kw. and 8,000 kw. On that basis the output from one bore, compared with a similar production of power by coal-burning processes, will result in a saving of some £60,000 to £70,000 a year, with the price of coal at £2 10s. a ton.

FULLY JUSTIFIED

The interest already taken by the Government in harnessing geothermal steam for power-generating purposes has been demonstrated in a number of ways. Its exploration of the thermal area, the boring and proving of steam supplies has already cost many thousands of pounds, and some authorities believe, success in obtaining the necessary steam power, ridding it of impurities and converting the "wet" to "dry" steam is near at hand.

The results obtained to date have fully justified the Government's heavy programme of investigations and, indeed, the intensification of boring and other exploratory work is evidence of its anxiety to develop this vast potential source of power.

Wairakei represents a small portion only of the total geothermal belt which is about 25 miles wide and extends for about 15 miles from the vol-

canoes of National Park, in the middle of the North Island, northeast out into the sea to the volcanically active White Island. This area is much larger than that of Larderello in Italy, but geothermal steam is not to be found in every part of it. There are, however, many indications that it is present in quantity at a large number of points.

NO DETERIORATION

One or two preliminary bores put down at Te Teko, in the Bay of Plenty area, and at the site of the future mills of the Muriwai pulp and paper-making project, some 80 miles from Wairakei, have shown the presence there of geothermal steam in considerable quantity. It is probable that these bores will be harnessed to provide electric power for the scheme.

In all, there is now available at Wairakei approximately 20,000 kw. of power from the bores already sunk.

Engineers have based their plans on the availability of that minimum quantity before attempting to harness it for the generation of electric power.

Additional steam will, however, have to be proved before the combined heavy water and electric power plant can be established. No difficulty in obtaining this extra supply is anticipated, however.

The Government departments involved have proceeded with the greatest caution to ensure that the supply of steam from the wells already opened has, with the lapse of time, shown no diminution or interference one well with the other. So far, there has been no indication of deterioration of supply in any respect. —Reuter.

"BRUSH UP ENGLISH" ADVICE TO STUDENTS

London, June 24.

College students training for managerial and executive posts in the textile industry have been advised to improve their English and broaden their industrial outlook.

The advice is based on the papers handed in at the last textile technology examinations, in which 98 of 209 entrants passed.

The examiners in a report to the Textile Institute say:

"It is a common fault to find that the answers show only a superficial knowledge of the subject. Facts are quoted, but reasons are rarely given."

"The candidates have a parochial outlook. On the whole they show remarkable ignorance of the functions of the machines other than those used in their own trade."

"Far too little opportunity is taken to visit factories in other textile districts."

The examiners refer to "the very low standard of knowledge of the English language shown by candidates when answering questions."

"In certain instances," says the report, "this amounts to illiteracy, in most cases there is a marked lack of lucidity."

AMERICAN AIR FORCE PROJECT IN ENGLAND

London, June 24.

The United States Air Force is hard at work on a new project to save lives at sea.

A helicopter with special floats to enable it to come down on water is undergoing final tests at the 68th Air-Rescue Squadron base at Manston and an amphibious Albatross will operate on long-distance rescue operations during the summer months.

If the helicopter tests are satisfactory, both craft will keep a dawn-to-dusk patrol centred around three of England's most popular summer resorts, Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs. The Air Force will also respond to calls along the length of the English Channel and on the French coast.

Eventually, the helicopter will likely be adapted for a wide range of sea rescue operations. It could, for instance, provide speedy rescue for crewmen of small craft which often sink quickly in heavy seas and save lives which might be lost if the victims had to wait for surface craft to arrive.

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Because of its ease of manoeuvrability and slow flying speed, the helicopter could come down in relatively rough seas and manoeuvre close to the trouble spot.

Air Force spokesman explain that the operation is partly concerned with preventing swimming tragedies among American personnel. But they emphasise that the bulk of the work will undoubtedly be with holidaymakers and they will provide prompt assistance to anyone in trouble.

On weekdays, when the resorts are packed with visitors from London—only two hours away by train—patrols will be increased.

The helicopter will be the first of its kind in England though similar craft have been tested in the U.S.

Space Travel Now A Study For Hundreds

More than 2,300 people, about 50 of them women, are members of the British Interplanetary Society—who have now set up their own offices in Vauxhall Bridge Road.

Applications for membership come in every day. More than ever have arrived since the recent House of Commons discussion of the subject.

About 20 members of the society, with their wives, are planning to spend their summer holiday this year at the fourth International Congress on Astronautics—the science of navigation among the stars—to be held at Zurich in August.

The society's chairman, Mr Arthur Charles Clarke, of Bowes Park, is visiting the United States to discuss the latest developments in space flight with scientists there.

The society, started in 1933, stopped work during the war, and re-started in 1940. They now have their own library. Many of the members are experts on rocket science.

The Palace Made Of 39,000 Matchsticks

London, June 24.

A Bristol man has made a scale model of Buckingham Palace with more than 39,000 matchsticks.

And it has taken Mr W. Moll, 67, of Eastwood Road, Bristol, two and a half years.

The model has a frontage of 2ft. 10in.

The only parts not of matchwood are the windows and flag. A retired builders' labourer, Mr Moll, a Scot by birth, has been model-making since boyhood.

He displayed a model aeroplane in the Wembley Exhibition.

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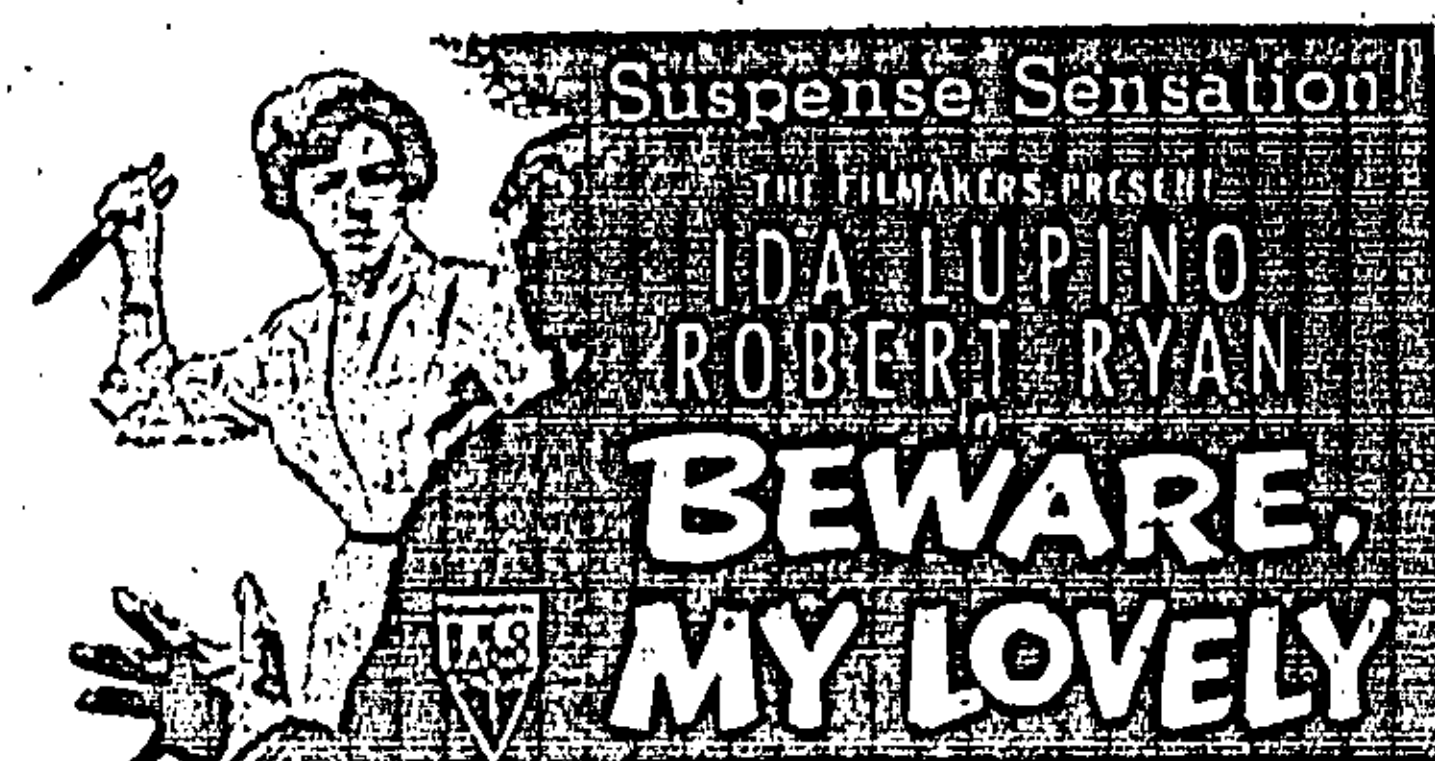
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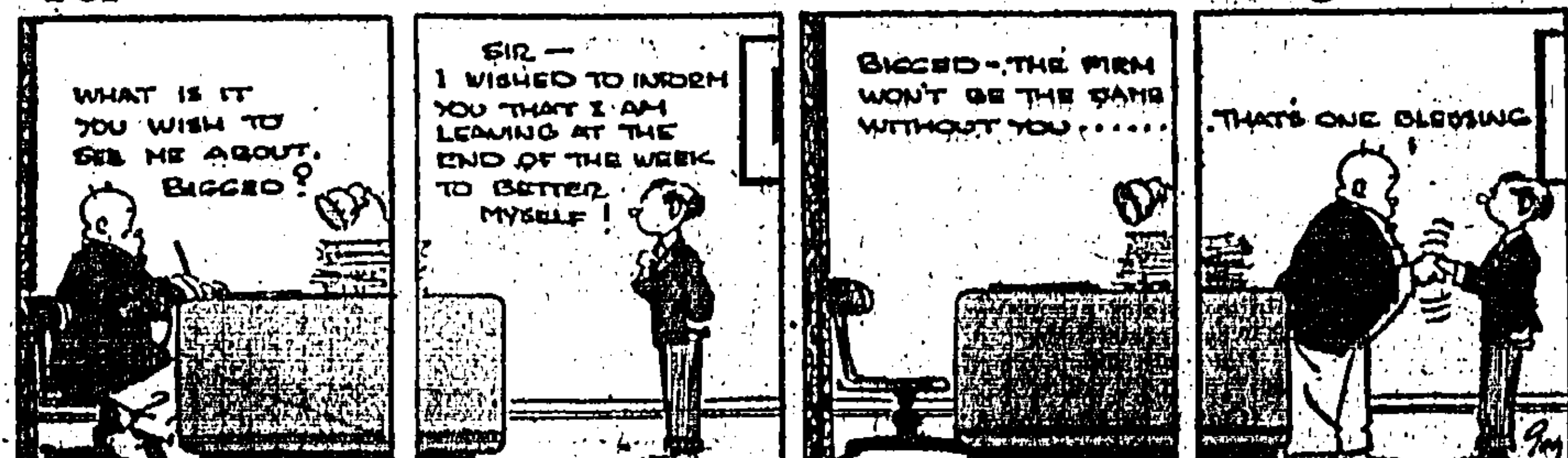
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Britain's Policy On Germany

In Full Agreement With Adenauer

London, June 24. Britain is in full agreement with the spirit of Dr Konrad Adenauer's message to Sir Winston Churchill appealing to the British Government to do all in its power to realise the unity and freedom of the German nation.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons this today in reply to a question about disturbances in Eastern Germany.

He said Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, intended to tell Dr Adenauer, the German Federal Chancellor, of this agreement in his reply to his message.

"We have frequently made it clear that our aim is a Germany reunited in freedom," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd added:

"The British Government are resolved to adhere most faithfully to the spirit as well as the letter of the commitments in Western Germany and in no way be sacrificed or cease to be master of their own affairs in accordance with the agreement."

Earlier Mr Selwyn Lloyd had counselled restraint and prudence to Berliners to avoid further bloodshed.

He said so far the Russians appeared to have behaved with restraint "in the circumstances".—Reuter.

Cause Of Happiness

Nearly 100 groups of welfare experts throughout Britain are carrying out investigations into what makes a family happy or unhappy.

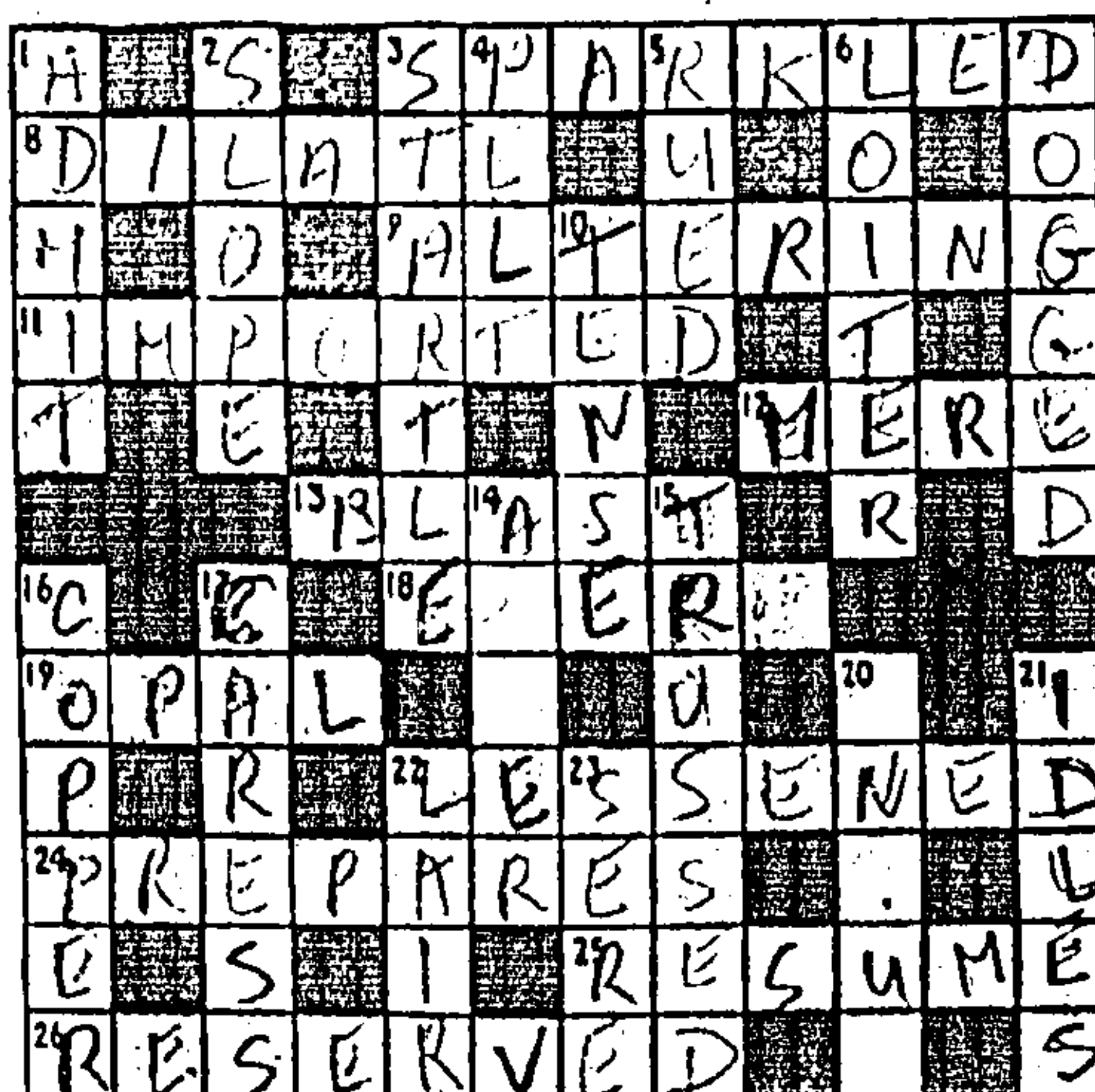
Six hundred of these experts will meet in London for three days to draw up a composite national picture of The British Family.

The survey and conference are being organised by the National Council of Social Service.

An official said: "The information to be obtained from such a survey is vital if welfare workers are to be able to do their job efficiently."

"We are studying in each area all the relationships and undercurrents which go to make up family life."

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Glistened (8).
 - 5 Swell (6).
 - 6 Changing (8).
 - 11 Brought into the country (6).
 - 12 Lick (4).
 - 13 Blow up (5).
 - 16 Polishing powder (8).
 - 18 Precious stone (4).
 - 22 Diminished (8).
 - 24 Gets ready (8).
 - 25 Carry on again (6).
 - 26 Relicent (8).

- DOWN
- 1 Acknowledge (5).
 - 2 Inclined (5).
 - 3 Alarm (7).
 - 4 Skin (4).
 - 7 Tattered (4).
 - 8 Hang around (6).
 - 9 Obstinate (6).
 - 10 Concise (5).
 - 14 Colour (5).
 - 15 Tied up (7).
 - 16 Fatal (6).
 - 17 Fondle (6).
 - 20 Proboscis (5).
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 - 22 Den (4).
 - 23 Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3. Install, 7. Reroute, 9. Alliance, 10. Oblate, 13. Relieve, 15. Heir, 17. Errands, 18. Declare, 20. Aloe, 21. Scheme, 22. Tenure, 27. Paralyse, 28. Drugs, 29. Dressors, Down: 1. Prior, 2. Scull, 3. Rate, 4. Trim, 5. Linden, 6. Steers, 9. Lovers, 11. Dovel, 12. Aliso, 14. Erects, 15. Haven, 16. Idler, 18. Damped, 19. Coarse, 22. Heeds, 23. Mused, 24. Sated, 25. Alas.

Role Of Atomic Energy In U.S. Industry

Washington, June 24. The Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy is launching public hearings today on proposals for putting the atom to work in America's industrial machine.

As the first witness the group will call Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission which is urging action to spur private development of atomic power.

Hoverplanes Interest The Big Airlines

London, June 24. World airline experts, who have just been studying the problems of hoverplane operations, at an international conference, fear that hoverplanes suitable for passenger-carrying may become available before the facilities for operating them have been developed.

So far, most of the airlines have totally ignored hoverplane possibilities. Exceptions are British European Airways who have operated experimental services with little single-engine hoverplanes and have plans ready for operating large air buses in the next few years, and Sabena, the Belgian airline.

Hoverplane services in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles are operated by hoverplane lines who have chosen to ignore the ordinary fixed-wing plane.

But now the big airlines are becoming interested. Sixty-five were represented at the conference, which, in effect, told the various Governments concerned to get a move on.

Civil authorities, they said, should take part in the development of the hoverplane, providing hoverports and facilities, "protecting" the approach paths in cities by keeping obstructions to a minimum.

Better weather forecasting, navigation facilities, and smoke-prevention laws were needed.

Mr Frank Plascoki, one of the leading U.S. hoverplane designers, estimated the number of hoverplanes in the world at 1,000. (These are mostly for military use.)

Anglo-American Conference

London, June 24. Several American air experts are coming to London in September to read papers at the Anglo-American Aeronautical conference arranged between the Royal Aeronautical Society and the U.S. Institute of Aeronautical Sciences.

The conference takes place the week after the Farnborough air display, to which most of the Americans are going.

Other commissioners and AEC experts are to follow Mr Dean. Chairman W. Sterling Cole (Republican, New York) hopes that the series of hearings—due to last through July—will point a "background" against which Congress can act, perhaps next year, to stimulate the development of atomic power by private enterprise.

The AEC has urged Congress to set a "national objective" the development of atomic power which can compete economically with power produced from coal, oil and running water.

The Commission has recommended a programme of "reasonable incentives" designed to encourage private concerns to participate in atomic power development.

REVISING BILL

The programme would permit private concerns to own and operate atomic plants and deal in atomic fuels.

Such a programme would require modification of the McMahon Act which gives the Government a monopoly on atomic production.

The Commission has drafted a bill to make the necessary changes. Mr Cole's Committee is studying it.

The Committee has been holding a series of closed door sessions on the atomic power question with Government spokesmen and representatives of five industrial teams that have been considering the problems of atomic power production.

President Eisenhower today nominated Lewis L. Strauss to a five-year term on the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mr Strauss, one of the original AEC champions of the H-bomb, was nominated as a Commission member and will be designated chairman by the President.—United Press.

Bonn Mission To U.S.

Le Havre, June 24. A West German defence mission left today for the United States to talk to the United States on European Army problems.

Herr Theodor Blank, German Federal Commissioner for Security, is leading the mission. His adviser is the former Chief of the German Army Operations Staff, General Adolf Heusinger.

Other members of the mission, expected to stay in the United States about 12 days, are former officers, now in the weapons, equipment and air force sections of Herr Blank's office.—Reuter.

British Farmer To Give Americans His Crop Secret

Mr Dick Turrell, Britain's 44-year-old record-breaking farmer from Wigganham St. Mary, Norfolk, is sailing for America as an "ambassador of British farming."

In Boise City, Oklahoma, he will be the guest of American wheat grower, Mr Robert French.

Mr French, who owns 2000 acres of wheat land, is anxious to learn the secret of Mr Turrell's world record wheat crop of 70½ cwts. per acre.

"I do not know what I can do for him until I see his land," said Mr Turrell. "Much of my success is due to deep ploughing, and I gather from letters I have had from Mr French that less than 1ft. below the surface of his land he strikes chalk."

"Last year on our farm we ploughed by the old-fashioned steam-engine method which gets down well below the 1ft. mark."

"We had two steam-engines, one at each end of the field, drawing the plough between them on steel wire cables."

S.E. ASIA RICE SCHEME

Joint Statement Issued By Balkan Powers

Athens, June 24. Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey announced their intention today to put into effect the terms of the Ankara treaty and to stand united and defensively armed both in peace and war.

A communique issued by the Greek Foreign Ministry said that the three Balkan States had expressed the desire to put the Ankara treaty into effect and to increase its importance through strengthening their defenses.

The three countries expressed their appreciation of any effort to solve the problems causing international tension and also their conviction that the maintenance and consolidation of peace could be effected only through continued defensive measures.

Responsible quarters here interpreted this declaration as a demonstration of unity among the three Powers and an expression of their intention to conduct any future peace talks as a united front.—United Press.

Stevenson Backs American Aid To Yugoslav Regime

Belgrade, June 24.

American aid to Communist Yugoslavia is sufficiently justified by the need to resist Soviet imperialism, the Democratic Party leader Mr Adlai Stevenson, said today before taking off to see Marshal Tito on an island.

Mr Stevenson said that in deciding whether to help a Communist country Americans must make a distinction between Communist aggression and Communism as such.

"The Soviet Union is certainly imperialist and our aid to Yugoslavia is given on the basis of resistance to aggression," he said.

"Communism is a way of life, an economic and political system, but what is basic for America and the basic concern of the free world is and has been Russian imperialism."

"The only justification for helping Yugoslavia while we are, at the same time, warring against Communism is that what we are most concerned with is possible aggression by the Soviet Union. I think personally that this is a sufficient basis."

Mr Stevenson declined to comment in detail on the recent developments in Korea because he was not familiar with all that had happened lately.

MORE IMPORTANT

But he said that he could reiterate what he had previously said about the need to resist aggression by the Soviet Union, and his "eccentric" behaviour.

"In Korea," he said, "our objective and our hope is still a strong, free and independent and united Korea but that has to await the conclusion of peace and further negotiations. There is something more important in the world than giving satisfaction to Rhee. I hope he has not lost his mind because this is a good time for cool minds and balance."

Mr Stevenson will spend a day with Marshal Tito at his Adriatic island retreat.—United Press.

'HAPPINESS BUREAUX' IN LONDON

London, June 24.

The first of a chain of London "happiness bureaux" for children is to open soon.

To these centres will be invited people prepared to be "uncles" and "aunts" to sick or deprived children.

A meeting is to be held soon to initiate a London pilot scheme. It is hoped that the movement will spread throughout the country.

Prime mover of the plan is Mr Edwin Ainscow, LCC children's officer.

He said: "It is intended to have branches throughout London in which people can be told that because of the serious world rice shortage the British Government would make funds up to £3,000,000 available for rice production in the Colonies, was answering questions about the Government's intentions on the renewal of the Commonwealth Development and Welfare Acts of 1945."

The rice-growing scheme, he said, might therefore in due course involve allocations, and ultimately expenditure, in excess of the existing statutory limit of £140,000,000 provided under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts of 1945.

Mr Lyttelton said he was also telling them that when necessary for essential development, they might enter into commitments extending beyond 1950 and over and above the £140,000,000 on the understanding that the British Government would in due course ask Parliament to vote the necessary money.

Such advance commitments would be limited to a total of £1,500,000 and would not be made without the assent of the Treasury. The Colonial Secretary made it clear that there was no question of authorising in advance of the new legislation actual expenditure in excess of the existing statutory limits. But the House should be aware that Colonial governments might, in the interim, be entering into commitments to the extent he had indicated.

He reminded the House that the expenditure of Colonial Development and Welfare Funds also opened up further fields for private investment.

Co-operation In New Guinea

The Hague, June 24. Professor Willem J. A. Kerkkamp, Dutch Minister for Reclam Affairs, will leave for Australia next week—end, usually reliable sources said today.

He will be there at the same time as the Dutch Minister without Portfolio, Joseph M. A. H. Luns, who is due in Sydney on Monday in the course of a Far Eastern tour.

Professor Kerkkamp will investigate the possibilities of technical co-operation with Australia on an administrative level in New Guinea during his talks in Australia. It was officially announced earlier this month.—Reuter.

New Boeing Plane

New York, June 24. The Boeing Company, builders of America's famous war-time flying fortresses, the B-29 Superfortresses and of later jet bombers, are now developing a pilotless jet fighter designed for quick interception of attacking bombers.

With Mr Turrell on his 10-week visit will be another wheat farmer, Mr William Blt, of West Wym, Norfolk, former chairman of the King's Lynn branch of the National Farmers' Union.

Already they have been booked to make radio and TV appearances on the Oklahoma networks and lecture to the state's farmers.

Mr Turrell, with his brother William, has farmed within one mile of his home all his life.

Their record wheat crop last harvest was three and a half times the size of Britain's national average of 29 cwts. an acre.

British Government To Finance Plan For Colonies

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, June 24.

Part of the £3,000,000 which the British Government proposes to spend on investigations into the rice growing potentialities of various parts of the Colonial Empire will be devoted to following up the scheme to bring 180,000 acres of swamp and jungle in Perak, Malaya, under cultivation.

If the scheme is practicable it should help to ease the acute world shortage of rice, particularly in Southeast Asia.

A full survey of the area is to be put in hand, and plans for development, including the necessary drainage and irrigation works, are to be prepared. A firm of consulting engineers will be engaged to help in this work.

The proposal to provide £3,000,000 for rice investigations was announced in the Commons this evening by Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary.

Money has been made available to acquire knowledge of the rice growing potentialities of a number of colonies by setting up small pilot schemes and surveying soil and other conditions in areas that might be suitable for rice growing. Some of the areas the Government have in mind for the future cultivation of rice have never before been used for this purpose.

SPECIALIST TRAINING

One use of the money will be to provide the required specialist training for young men with the necessary basic qualifications.

It will also enable the members of local agricultural departments to be sent to other areas to gain experience.

Object is eventually to bring the Colonial territories nearer self-sufficiency in rice. But progress will necessarily be slow and the money now made available is intended only to finance the first stage of the programme.

Later, when investigations are completed, cultivation will be left to local peasant farmers, often under land settlement schemes.

ULTIMATE SPENDING

London, June 24.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, announcing in the House of Commons today that because of the serious world rice shortage the British Government would make funds up to £3,000,000 available for rice production in the Colonies, was answering questions about the Government's intentions on the renewal of the Commonwealth Development and Welfare Acts of 1945.

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The rice-eating population is estimated to be increasing at the rate of 12,000,000 a year though less rice is coming into world trade than before the war.

Britain's Colonial territories in South-East Asia do not feed themselves but depend on imports for rice from countries like Burma and Siam. An increase in rice production in the Colonial territories would help to meet the world need and would also lessen the dependence of these territories on imports which might not always be available.

Schemes for rice-growing investigations have been put up by the South-East Asia territories, a number of African territories, Trinidad, British Guiana and Fiji. These are being examined. An early start will be authorised on all schemes thought to be sound.

GREAT AREAS

In British Guiana where large-scale mechanised production has already been set in hand, there are great areas which might be brought into production.

Swamps will have to be drained, sea defence works built to keep out sea water and a dam built to impound for an irrigation reservoir the seasonal floodwater from rivers.

Surveys are needed to decide where this dam should be sited. It is proposed to step up the agricultural experimental stations programme for breeding new varieties of rice suitable to local conditions in British Guiana.

Some of the £3,000,000 would help to provide new land and buildings, drainage and irrigation.—Reuter.

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Air Pilot

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British Protest To Russians

Berlin, June 24. The British authorities today protested to the Russians against the shooting of a 15-year-old boy by East German Berlin police two days ago, a British spokesman said.

Major-General Charles F. C. Coleman, British Commandant in Berlin, sent the protest note to Major-General P. T. Dibrova, Soviet Commandant in Berlin. His contents were not revealed.

The boy, Wolfgang Roehling, a West Berliner, was shot in the head when he and a few other boys threw stones at East German policemen on the sector boundary.

The other boys were unhurt.—Reuter.

BY JET TO NEW YORK FOR £30?

London, June 24. Major R. E. Nicoll, World War I fighter pilot, and sales manager of Handley Page, has been forecasting drastic fare cuts when really big jet-engined airliners are flying between London and New York.

He says that the projected Handley Page 97 intercontinental double-decker airliner would be able to take 122 passengers across the 3456 miles from London to New York at an operating cost of less than £15 each.

This does not mean £15 fare. Other costs have to be taken into account. But the H.P. 97 should be able to make a profit for Transatlantic operators at single fares of £30.

Present London-New York one-way fares are £41 first class and £28 tourist.

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Oh how the Russian sailors sing!

—WHEN THEY AREN'T DANCING

London, June 15. short time. They had to arrange parties. **T**HAT little bit of Russia called the cruiser Sverdlov did an extraordinary thing yesterday. Her officers opened her gangway to visitors.

Not wide open—but still a perceptible chink in the Spithead Iron Curtain. Until now, except for official Navy callers and Soviet Embassy men, the Sverdlov has been a rigidly closed shop. One or two people have tried—and have been firmly turned back.

Yesterday the ban was relaxed and eight journalists were allowed on board.

They were followed later by a party taken out by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. And — yes, the Red Dean himself with his wife and two daughters.

The newspaper party was met on the deck by the 6ft. captain — smiling, handsome O. V. Rudakov. He was all charm and geniality. What would the visitors like?



THE CAPTAIN
Rudakov's name.

He smiled...

AH, some questions! And through an interpreter he answered them. Yes, the Soviet sailors were enjoying their stay. They were most happy. "The British people have been so kind," said the captain.

Did the Russian captain speak English? Ah, no, the ship had left unexpectedly. He had no time to learn. But some of his ship's company did speak English, he agreed.

Would he permit his sailors to go ashore to take their liberty as they pleased in the streets of Portsmouth, like the sailors of other nations?

To the captain — this was difficult because, he said, there were so many who wanted to go ashore, so much to see and such a

gentleman in a lounge suit — we guessed he was a political officer — led us to the fo'c's'le. And the party began.

The captain addressed his sailors by their Christian names. "Ivan, play," he called in Russian, and Ivan Makienko got busy with his concertina. And first one sailor, then another, took the deck.

There was plenty of lively movement, touching of hands on the deck, shooting out of legs and whirling about.

Star dancer of the day, recalled again and again by applause of his messmates, the visitors, was a young little fellow called Petr Artyamonov, a blue-jacket who had metal tips on his shoes and went into traditional dancing with a lively tap routine.

And then the singing. The director of music in the Sverd-

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Pest, Comrade—you like a genuine signed photograph of Karl Marx, yes?"

lov stepped forward and conducted a choir of 300.

It was a strange scene, on this sunlit morning, with the warships of so many nations anchored at Spithead, to hear these magnificent voices.

They sang the song which, they told us, commemorates the men of the cruiser Varag which, rather than surrender in the Russo-Japanese war, blew itself up. The theme: "Better death than surrender."

They sang "Katusha," a song which is one of the sailors' favourites. "Katusha" seems to be a sort of Russian "Lillie Marlene."

And then the tour of the ship. The Sverdlov is a roomy ship below decks. You walk on a composition floor painted red, and decoration is in two shades of light blue. The messes are high, roomy, and spotlessly clean. An ex-sailor in the party noticed that the Soviet sailors have sheets for their American-style bunks slung on chains in two staterooms.

Each mess has a "tablet of honour" hanging on a bulkhead. It contains the pictures of the Stakhanovites, the sailors in that mess who have done the best work in a given period.

Also on the bulkheads—pictures of Stalin, Lenin, and Sverdlov, the first President in Russia.

Still singing

ON one bulkhead the visitors saw a notice in Russian. The interpreter then asked the captain for his translation, and translated what the captain said. It was, "You are honoured to be a soldier of the Socialist land. Be a good servant of your people."

As the captain passed through each mess, accompanied all ways by the gentleman in the lounge suit, it was noticed that the first-name translation between captain and sailors on the fo'c's'le had been dropped. At each mess a leading hand called his men smartly to attention and so they stood until he left.

As we left the captain waved, the sailors cheered, and up forward the men were still singing away lustily. It seems they almost never stop.

Bernard Hall

THE COELACANTH FISH—ARE THERE RELATIVES?

By J. W. Taylor

WHILST learned professors argue the debatable point as to whether or not the Coelacanth prehistoric fish, said to have been extinct for seventy million years and recently caught in the Mozambique Channel, would throw light on the origin of man, others are discussing the chances that the discovery may be followed by surprises of the same sort.

Recently, for instance, an eel larva much too big to be the progeny of any known eel was found. Even in its early stage it was a yard long. Its significance is that the larvae of the conger eel, which grows to eight or nine feet in length, are only five inches long, so that if the mystery larva grows to an eel of proportionate size it should be about 65 feet long—an outlier in size serpents of the species.

A similar sensation of the Coelacanth find was created by the capture of the African lungfish in 1941. Fossil lungfish had been identified only three years before. Next came the eel larva of another lungfish found in the Australian Murray River in 1949. This was the same lungfish as the one found in fossil form, having only one lung. The African lungfish has two lungs.

The scientists are more interested in the internal organs of the Coelacanth fish than in its external appearance, which they already knew fairly well from fossil remains. Their prob-

lem is to find out whether the Coelacanth is a group which is the nearest relation to the group of fish from which the land animals developed. Through their examination of it, experts hope to be able to solve some of the secrets of the dawn of land life.

So far they have done well in their reconstruction of its external appearance by studying fossil specimens, as is instanced in a model in the South Kensington Natural History Museum. The only important point on which they went wrong was the extent of the limb-like projections from which the fins grow. They surmised that these growths were more embedded in the body.

The South Kensington fossils suggest that the seventy-million-year-old ancestors of the Coelacanth fish were much smaller than the recent capture, and the one of 1938. These fossils have come from all parts of the world and show that this smallness was common almost everywhere.

Indications are that the Coelacanth's surviving relatives are confined to a comparatively small area off Africa—probably a reason why it had thus far escaped discovery. Moreover, it lives normally in very deep water or in rocky areas which are difficult to fish. The probability is that, other specimens have actually been landed by ignorant local fishermen and been consigned to the cooking pot, a fate the latest and narrow escape.

Meanwhile, the learned professors debate what has been said about the recent discovery.

HIGH MOMENTS OF THE HUNT

A BOOK TO TALK ABOUT: by MILTON SHULMAN

THE periscope peering out of the waters off Stromboli revealed four Italian cruisers, two seaplanes and eight destroyers. The 600-ton submarine Unbroken brazenly decided to take on this armada single-handed.

It sent four torpedoes snaking towards the enemy. It took them two minutes, and 30 seconds to reach their targets and establish an all-time record. The Unbroken had destroyed two cruisers with one salvo. It had never been done before.

"What a moment that was!" writes Alastair Mars, the Unbroken's commander, in an exultant whoop of prose. "Were we capable of lyric poetry we'd have composed a Psalm of Thanks, for we felt as boastful and as proud as David must have felt that afternoon in the valley of Elah."

TERROR

BUT the reward for elation in a submarine is usually terror. Once its position has been revealed the hunter is instantaneously converted into the hunted.

Lying some 80ft. below the surface, it must await the inevitable retaliation. There is nothing to do but be inconspicuous.

The tell-tale hum of machinery is stifled by shutting off the ventilation, refrigeration,



ALASTAIR MARS

and water circulation systems. In the tense silence the crew can only listen.

Above, the destroyers circle in a mood of patient vengeance dropping depth charge after depth charge for hour after hour. Below, the boat shudders beneath the impact of the explosions and the commander's prose strikes a more sombre note:—

"My clothes were soaked in sweat, the air in the boat was thick and oily, and my nerves were in a wretched state. If only we had been able to hit back! If only there had been some movement or action to take our minds from the agony of the situation. But no. We could only wait and pray, brooding and exaggerating, picturing a torn, smashed hull and a bubbling, choking, lung-bursting death."

For his audacious attack on the cruisers, vividly described in his book "Unbroken" (Frederick Muller, 12s. 6d.), Alastair Mars was awarded the D.S.O.

It may have been prophetic machinery that the opportunity for his greatest war-time feat came to

Mars because he deliberately disobeyed orders. He was 10 miles off his allocated position when he sighted his target.

Subsequently, in peace-time, Mars was dismissed the Service because he failed to obey an Admiralty order to take up an appointment. When the fighting has stopped, discipline does not often take second place to success.

Alastair Mars, in his story of the Unbroken, has managed the difficult task of making us feel sorry for a submarine. We have been too much on the wrong end of their destructive power to make us warm towards these cold fish of naval warfare.

The cramped quarters not only breed uneasiness but also boredom and impatience. In time a man's most fervent prayer would be: "Please let me be alone for just five minutes, and then let me see a change of face."

IRRITATIONS

AND then there are the minor, discomforting irritations as well. No cabbage because the smell of it being boiled would be overpowering. Cigars for the three tiny washbasins made it more attractive to grow a beard than shave. Cigarettes to be tolerated had to have menthol crystals inserted in the end you puffed, otherwise the tobacco was heavy with the foul air of the submarine.

Insurance companies displayed a depressing optimism about the life expectancy of a submarine officer. They gladly offered to insure Mars for £1,000 at a premium of £500 a year. Since that was more than Mars's pay, as a naval lieutenant, the company lost his business.

In its record of 210 days at sea the Unbroken, at one time in 1942 the only operational British submarine in the Western Mediterranean, had sailed 24,000 miles, been the target for about 400 depth charges, and sunk more than 30,000 tons of shipping.

LEFT BEHIND

ALMOST as nerve-racking as waiting for the rumprump of depth charges to stop was landing secret agents and Commodore for special missions on the enemy coast.

For his first such job he was told the leader of the party would be "a bloke called Churchill." He was decidedly relieved when he learned that it was Captain Peter Churchill and not the obvious one.

Mars effectively conveys the anxiety of a submarine crew waiting in an exposed position in an open harbour for these desperadoes to return. Twice he was forced to leave them behind.

Much more fun was picking off trains as they left a tunnel to cross a long viaduct. Sometimes, when, as usual, the Italian trains were late, Mars contemplated smaller-moving pigeons. "The thought struck me," he writes, "that if the worst came to the worst, we could put in some gunnery practice on a flat, but I dismissed it as somewhat barbaric."

He is less enthusiastic about Admiralty orders that sent him off blindly searching for non-existent convoys, for moments when a thought of information he almost sank; our two ships, for torpedoes whose mechanism sent them back like a bodmerang to buzz about and threaten with destruction the Unbroken that had fired them.

AUDACIOUS

AS literature, this book has no obvious defects. The crew are no more sharply delineated than the Asdic or the hydrophones. And the dialogue is largely confined to the jargon of a submarine going into action: "Director, angle green three-six-and-a-half, call for the happy return, Asdic bearing of target green four-two."

But, the audacious, heart-thumping tale of the Unbroken can surmount any kind of pedestrian writing. To a nation brought up on the victory of the submarine, Alastair Mars has done a service by shifting some of the balance of sympathy. He shows that the sea demands equal courage from those it carries and those it enfolds.

HOW ATOMIC IS TODAY'S WEATHER?

By GWILYM WILLIAMS

SUGGEST to a scientist that atom and hydrogen bombs are changing the weather and he will smile pityingly at your ignorance.

You — a mere layman — must not presume to intrude your crude suspicions into the realm of pure science, where only proved facts count.

Scientists will assure you that last January's disastrous floods in Britain and Holland, the fierce tornadoes in the U.S. and elsewhere, and this freak spring of 1953 are all in the nature of things.

Nothing at all to do with A or H-bombs.

Leave the atom and its mysteries in our capable hands, he would say. Your job is to provide us with cash to carry on with our experiments.

Should we be reassured by such a rebuff? Should we assume that the brilliant experimenters have everything under strict control?

Must we also believe that no precaution is neglected to ensure that no harm is done by the big bangs to the thin crust of the earth or its highly susceptible atmosphere?

PUNY FIGURE

And that no radical change has been made in the rhythm of the movements of the globe? Maybe the atomists have already proved to themselves beyond all doubt that this earth can take without hurt all they have dealt out in the past and propose to deal out in the future.

Perhaps cities can be destroyed without prejudice to the integrity of the earth's structure?

But one fears that no such arrangement can be kept.

After all, the atom men's main job is to exploit the explosive and destructive possibilities of their discoveries to the very limit.

long-term effects on the world around of atom and hydrogen explosions.

If you are complacent about the massive strength of this great big-world just take, for a moment, an astronomer's view of it.

This globe, of which we are so proud, cuts a puny figure in the universe. Its size is contemptible. It has always been and always will be at the mercy of strong outside forces. Especially the sun.

Imagine our globe as a tiny ball one inch in diameter, in proportion the sun is a ball nine feet across 330 yards away. With that picture firmly in mind of a delicately-poised fragile little body hurtling through space it is easy to understand how susceptible is the globe, with its delicate outer crust, to any change in the pull of powerful, outside or inside forces.

DUST BOWLS

We have seen how a comparatively small matter like cutting down forests affects profoundly whole regions. North African deserts used once to be the granaries of Rome.

Without trees are desolate lands writhing under a merciless sun. We are familiar enough today with the dust bowls of America and Asia where the climate has changed profoundly because forests retaining forests have been stupidly eliminated.

It is not fantastic therefore to suppose that letting loose a fiercer phenomenon than ever the world has known—fundamental forces embodied in atom and hydrogen bombs—may have a much greater influence on the world's climate than the destruction of forests.

The atom men must hasten to clear themselves of the suspicion that they have unleashed forces whose strength they underestimated and whose effects are now beyond their control.

For better or for worse the world today is in the hollow of the scientists' hands. They have immense power, up to now uncontrolled power. The question of the future is not the old one of Who shall guard the guard? But Who shall be scientific with the scientists?



"Quite satisfied the amount is correct now, sir?"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE explanation of the forged banknotes so prevalent in the neighbourhood of Narkover recently has now been given.

It appears that when the Chief Clerk visited Narkover last week for the annual cricket match, they remembered the experience. So they stuffed their wallets with forged notes, planted on them by some clever boys late year in exchange for their genuine notes. These forged notes were, of course, stolen during the match last week. Dr. Smart-Alick, when informed of what had happened, said: "This is the dumbest bit of work I ever heard of. My foot of boys got what they deserved."

On a Cabinet Minister

He announced: "The crisis is past." With a gesture of satisfaction. He has made his decision at last. The decks are cleared for action.

I try to help

THESE are again talk of beauty, I have long had a plan for Gothic Petrol pumps with tiny spires. The garage itself would be a delicate blend of the Doric style, the Corinthian strength and the Ionic harmony. Plastic flowers would crown these modern temples, which would

have lattice windows and doors of synthetic stone. A propylene or entrance runway, as at Alcazar of Seville, would lead to an Italianate terrace or inner court, surrounded by an aluminium arcade. The petrol would gush from cement gargoyles set in an elaborate mosaic of tiles. The mechanics would be dressed as Welsh bowmen of the 14th century.

In passing

THE possibility of drugging athletes to help them to break more records is still being discussed in the world of sports. Now that the population lives on drugs, it seems absurd to exclude athletes from the benefits of the new diet. The danger is that while they are under the influence of the drug, before a race, somebody may tie their toes together with thin thread.

Stately home

SHE said she ran out at the back and got hit by a saucerpan thrown from an upper window. Her husband was cursing at the dog, which had bitten her niece, and her own had upset a bath full of water. A neighbour came in and was hit from the kitchen by a saucer thrown from the attic. There were complaints of the noise. (Social chronicle.)

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

BORN today, there is an adventure—some side to your nature, which you are often a little at a loss to explain. Your ambitions are sometimes wildly exalted. You want the best out of life and you expect to have it. This positive attitude is fine. If you can't do it, you must find a way to do it. You should learn to make important decisions. Your hunches are not always an example of your best judgment.

You are affectionate and sympathetic to the hard-luck tales of all those who come to you. You may, in fact, be a little too generous, giving away what should be reserved for yourself. Before making a sacrifice, be sure that the recipient is worthy. You have an outward appearance of

reserve and do not make close friends easily. But once someone has been accepted into your circle of intimates, you are often a little at a loss to explain.

You easily grow tired of routine and need to have something exciting going on all the time. You women may be attracted to the stage, a career. This, certainly, will fulfill your desire for excitement. You must remember, however, that such a career also calls for a lot of hard work. Don't forget that your emotional life is important. You are not completely happy with a career alone. Marriage should bring exceptional contentment.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

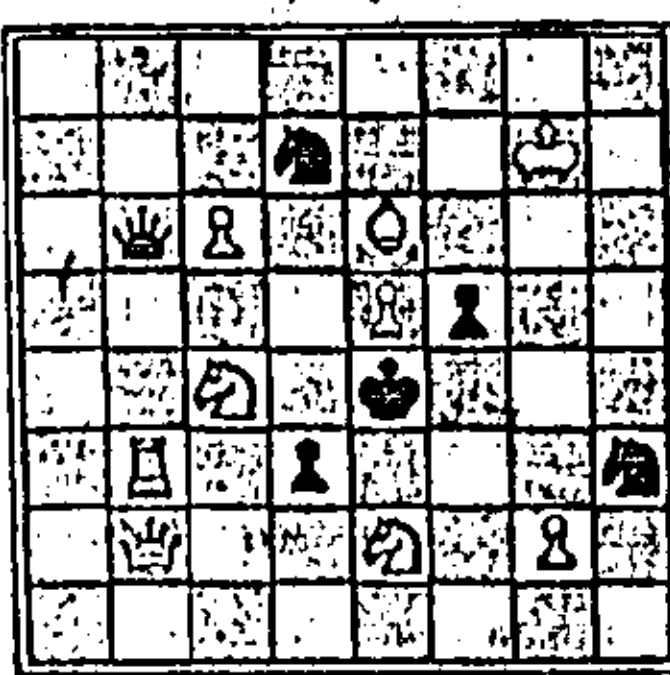
FRIDAY, JUNE 26

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can get into trouble today by interfering with the plans of others. Don't meddle. Keep your hands off. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be cheerful and even a Pollyanna, if necessary, when things go wrong. It will help matters a great deal. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you have some funds saved up, make some special week-end plans. Get to the shore or country if you can. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There is confusion in the air. Don't rush off impulsively but think everything over most carefully. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Spend the day thinking up the necessary work at the office. Then relax tensions over a long week-end. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make plans today for a real week-end of recreation. Get well rested. CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Clothes may not make the man, but they can sure help both men and

women! Care for personal appearances. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—It is always good to be efficient, but today it could bring a very special "Product" can be made. PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)—If you want success in your business today, be sure you are very alertest lead. Seize opportunities. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—It is requested to help in some community project, be gracious and industrious! Contribute funds, too, if you can. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be alert today or someone may try to pull a fast one. Don't let yourself be hoodwinked. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Better be pulling some strings for a summer vacation if you haven't enough saved already. You'll need it.

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. OVERKAMP
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K5, any; 2. Q. R, or K; (ch, or dis ch) mates.

DUMB BELLS



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Responder Is Man To Watch Here

NORTH (D)			
♠ 7854	♥ K762	♦ A Q 4	♣ 7 4
WEST			
♠ 98	♥ 1083	♦ 872	♣ Q10853
EAST			
♠ KQ	♥ AQ7	♦ K10983	♣ J92
SOUTH			
♠ A10732	♥ 984	♦ 75	♣ AK6
North-South vol.			
North	East	South	West
Pass	1♣	Double	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ 8

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE approach of the Goldman Cup Pair Tournament in the Eastern States Championship in the New York reminds me of one of the interesting hands played by last year's winners, Bert Lebar and Sam Rossant. Both the bidding and the play were full of interest.

After South's takeout double, North wanted to make a response that would show his great strength. A jump to two no-trump would show the strength but would tend to steer South away from a major-suit contract. North could not afford to jump to two spades or two hearts for fear of indicating a stronger suit than he actually held.

He found the answer by making a cue bid in the opponents' diamond suit. This type of response to a takeout double indicates that the responder is willing to go to game and usually means that the responder has good support for more than one suit.

The rest of the bidding was clear sailing. South naturally showed his spades, and North raised. Bert Lebar had a moment's hesitation about proceeding on to game in view of the fact that his partner had passed originally, but he properly decided to go on.

Declarer ducked the opening diamond lead, allowed East to win with the king. East returned a club, and Lebar won with the ace.

Declarer knew that he was going to lose a trump as well as a diamond and therefore decided to limit the heart loss to one trick. In view of East's opening bid, the prospects were not very good.

Lebar entered dummy with a diamond to discard a heart on dummy's last diamond and then led the jack of spades through. East covered with the queen, and declarer won with the ace. South then cashed the king of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy, and led a low spade from dummy.

East had to win with the king of spades and was then end-played. If he led a heart, declarer could lose only one heart trick. If East led anything else, dummy could ruff while South discarded another heart.

CARD SERVICE

Q—The bidding has been: North: East South: West 1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass 4 Spades Pass ? You, South, hold: Spades A-J-7-5-4, Hearts 5-3, Diamonds K-6-3-2, Clubs K-5. What do you do?

A—Five spades. You can afford to try for a slam since you have 11 points in high cards, 2 points for the doubleton, and 1 point for the fifth spade. North's strong red bid shows about 20 points, so that the combined total puts you in the slam zone.

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-5-4, Hearts K-5, Diamonds K-6-3-2, Clubs K-5. What do you do? Answer Tomorrow

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

WHEN two young people get their heads together they can do wonders with the modern dance steps.

A Judge says it's easy to keep a sweet disposition. That is, if you have plenty of sugar left, after taxes.

Sometimes it doesn't pay a fellow to pay his girl's young brother to tell him what she thinks of him.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

Rearrange the letters of this name: S A M S L A N E —to find his occupation. (Solution on Page 10)

KEEP IN TRIM

How To Give A Suit An Air Of Distinction

By IDA JEAN KAIN

THE backbone of a business girl's wardrobe is a good suit... and the backbone of a good suit figure? Posture. It takes a well-proportioned figure to wear a suit perfectly, but the cut of the suit can camouflage figure flaws. However, there are no tricks of the tailoring trade that can offset slumped posture.

Today's exercise routine is designed to help you give even a budget suit an air of distinction. And the beauty of it is, this all-in-one exercise is guaranteed to fix the figure flaws that mar the cut of a suit. But, of course, the only exercise that is any good is the one you take.

On the posture score, any tendency towards swayback spoils the fit of the jacket, causing it to wrinkle. Even worse, the sharp curve at the back must be compensated for by an outcurve of the abdominal wall, which is certainly no help to the fit of the skirt or the jacket. One posture fault leads directly to another... in this case to a tendency toward rounded shoulders. In exaggerated form, the figure resembles a capital letter S.

So this single exercise which tones girdle muscles, corrects swayback, squares the shoulders, and slims the hips in the bargain is well worth doing. Here it is...

Position: Lying on back on floor, feet elevated to low bench, arms down at sides, with back of hands on floor.



Movement: As alternate knees are flexed slowly but vigorously toward the feet, press the small of the back flat against the floor. This is accomplished by pulling up and in firmly with the lower abdominal muscles and holding the up-pull as the knees are bent toward chest. At the same time circle around on the floor with the arms and throughout this circling movement: do not let the backs of the wrists come off the floor. Do not try to circle arms back down, merely swing them from the position of overhead on the back down to sides. Place backs of hands on floor again, and again circle around, as alternate knees are flexed toward the chest. Let's analyze what this exercise accomplishes. First it

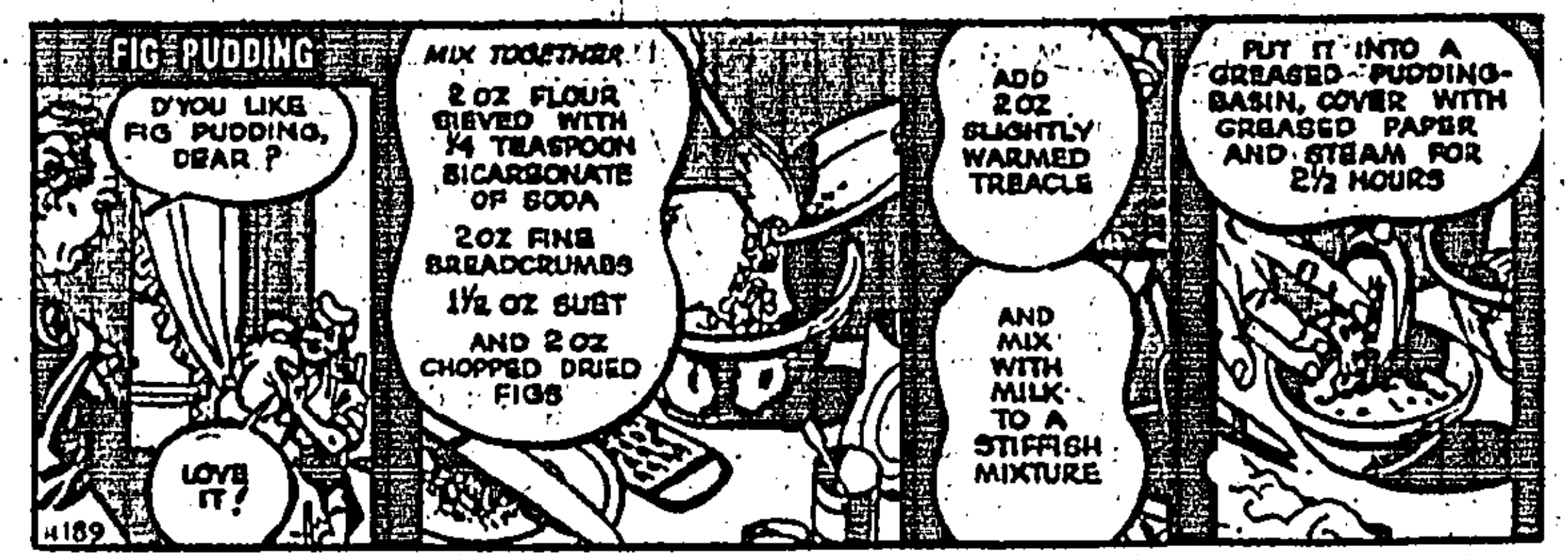
MARRIED-CHILDREN AND PARENTS RELATIONSHIP STUDIED

Schenectady, N.Y. A pattern of "moderate help" will tend to develop better understanding between parents and their married children, a Union College sociologist believes.

Prof. Marvin B. Sussman, writing in the Journal of the American Sociological Society, told of interviews with nearly 100 families in studying relationships of middle class parents with their children after marriage.

He added that his study indicated that parents don't feel themselves freed from further responsibility after their children marry. He said there is more "give and take" between parents and their married children than many authorities believe.

United Press.



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How Can Wires Make Noises?

—Knarf Decides to See for Himself, and Does!—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadowy boy with the turned-about name, came running up excitedly to his sister, Hanid. "There's a place in the parlour with hundreds of telegraph poles and wires."

Hanid looked surprised. She thought she knew about everything in the parlour. There were certainly no telegraph poles or wires among all the other furniture in that room. Her mother wouldn't have allowed it.

"I don't think she knows anything about them," said Knarf. "They're all hidden."

"Hidden?" said Hanid. "Where?"

Under the Top

Knarf led her into the parlour, then up to the top of the piano and finally under the top. "See? Hundreds of telegraph poles and wires."

Hanid smiled. "They're piano wires. They make noises."

"They look like telegraph wires to me. Anyway, I don't

see how wires can make noises." Hanid took him around to the front of the piano, just behind where the little white and black ivory keys were. "Do you see those little hammers?" she said.

"Well, each of the ivory keys is attached to one of the hammers. When anyone touches the keys, the hammers come down and hit the wires. Then the wires make a sound, and the sound is the note of the piano."

But Knarf didn't quite believe her. "Maybe what you say is right. But I don't think those hammers can move."

He decided to see for himself. He got behind the very last hammer. It was right over the biggest and thickest of the wires (for the wires in the piano seemed to be of different lengths and thicknesses). Then he pushed the hammer.

"At first it didn't move at all. I knew it wouldn't," he said.

"Push it harder," said Hanid. "Push it with all your might."



So Knarf pushed it with all his might. And the next instant—BOOM! went the piano as the hammer came down on the wire. Knarf was so startled that he sprang out of the piano as fast as his legs would carry him, and he didn't stop running until he had safely hidden himself in the highest corner of the attic.

"But Hanid only laughed. 'It was a low note but it certainly made Knarf run high,' she said."

Face Wrinkles Are Your Fault



A new cream is helpful to skin that shows wrinkles. It seems to fill up lines and restore youthful elasticity.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WOMEN whose faces are beginning to show signs of age often play with the idea of getting their faces lifted. This is an expensive indulgence!

There was a period when charlatans made vast fortunes preying on the faith of women who would be rejuvenated. As it is, plastic surgeons of good standing are few and far between. Often, unless the case is really unsightly, they will refuse to operate. No life and death matter, they figure.

Every woman who has reached the age of thirty should have foresight, realize that wrinkles come along later in life. She should take out insurance against them. This she can do by keeping the facial muscles toned, tissues firm, skin in healthy condition. It is when the underlying padding softens that the skin falls into folds and those horrid little gulches form.

Five minutes of nightly care will turn the trick if a woman indulges in the indulgence of emotional stress and eats properly so cells will be nourished.

After the face-washing with warm water and a bland soap, a rinsing with warm water and a gentle drying, she should apply a heavy cream, one that will not let the fingertips slip, but will take firm hold.

First, neck moulding. No woman can trust her neck to stay as is, especially if she has the bad habit of letting her head droop. She should stroke up and down, including the back of the neck.

Include Ear Area

With upward, outward strokes, she should spread the cream over the entire facial area, and include ear lobes. Placing her fingertips at the point of her chin, she should rub toward the ears. Also it's wise to do upward strokes on cheeks with flattened fingertips. No round and round motions here; they will push the flesh up around eyes and cause wrinkles.

Rotary motions are all right on the forehead. If frown lines have formed, rub them crosswise, then lift them up out of the grooves. Finish with brisk tapping and slapping.

Doll-making Hobby

By GAY PAULEY

The need of gifts for orphaned children in her native Italy started a middle-aged New York woman on an unusual hobby—making fancy dolls by hand.

Since last November, Mrs. Rosa Burgo of Manhattan's Upper West Side has been cutting, stitching and sewing, and she now has a room full of some of the most beautifully gowned dolls you'll find anywhere.

But until she started doll-making, Mrs. Burgo had done no needlework except an occasional mending job. Her project began because she wanted to send Christmas gifts to children in an Italian orphanage run by her sister-in-law.

"By the time I got the dolls started," she said, "it was too late to get them abroad. I'm handicapped, but I make it up to those children next Christmas."

Queen Elizabeth Doll

Mrs. Burgo buys only the doll heads. Even the bodies—usually 30 inches long—are her handiwork, usually fabric stuffed with cotton and excelsior.

Gowns are cut from remnants of fine fabrics—brocades, velvets, satins and laces—she picks up at department stores or collects from her neighbours' sewing baskets. Jewels, fans, stiffened petticoats, stockings, gloves—all these take hours of needlework.

Mrs. Burgo, a dark-haired little woman of 57 who came to America in 1909, has completed a beautiful reproduction of Queen Elizabeth II, dressed with crown and coronation robe.

The Queen's full-length gown is of white silk, spangled from necklines to hem with rhinestones. The robe is of crimson velvet, banded with white ermine fur, dotted with ermine tails. The crown, also fur-trimmed, is of the same red velvet, decorated with rhinestones and other jewels.

Husband Helps

Mrs. Burgo enlisted the help of a family friend, a Fifth Avenue hairdresser, to help her

with doll hair. The hairdresser, Dr. Amico, used either cotton or silk to simulate the real thing. The white wig he ran up for the Marie Antoinette doll took 8,000 yards of thread.

The Queen took six days to make, "with me working practically night and day," Mrs. Burgo said.

"When I get started on a doll, the dishwashing and cleaning are neglected until I'm done," she said, with a laugh. "Good thing my husband is interested. He carves the dolls' shoes."

Her husband is in the needle trades.

Her collection also includes a reproduction of the "Doll of '30" in Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," "Carmen" of Bizet's opera, a Dutch girl with wooden shoes and yellow pig-tails; a ballerina with ballet slippers and short tutu; a handkerchief, but I make it up to those children next Christmas."

"I get my ideas from museums and books," she said. "Or sometimes I just dream them up."

The dolls are for sale if a customer comes along. Mrs. Burgo still treats her dolls as labours of love, not commercial products.—United Press.

Prof. Tells Kids To Go Easy On Candy

Buffalo, N.Y.

Bad news for kids: Dr. Jerome W. Conn, University of Michigan medical school professor, told a group of children who eat excessive amounts of candy may suffer from hypoglycemia—low blood-sugar content.

Conn explained that high sugar intake (candy) stimulates the pancreas gland, causes high insulin production which will burn up body sugar. Youngsters who contract this disease may suffer from weakness, hunger, trembling and a lack of muscular control.

He said a number of different types of the disease exist, and the physician's most important job is to recognize the proper type for proper treatment.—United Press.

Rupert and the Bad Dog—7



Rupert gets after Rosalie. What an awkward little person she is to deal with! "She'll probably get lost if she keeps on in that direction," he says angrily. "And if I want to walk this way I will, and I don't want anybody telling me what to do!" He sees Rupert's eyes.

Another new "Adventure"

RUPERT and the BOY PIRATE

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FIRST MAJOR UPSET AT THIS YEAR'S WIMBLEDON — MOREA ELIMINATED

Wimbledon, Surrey, June 24.

Ian Ayre, 23-year-old fair-haired Australian, today provided the first major upset of this year's Wimbledon Tennis Championships when he toppled the giant Argentinian Champion, Enrique Morea, who was seeded No. 8 for the title.

Ayre, ranked only fourth in his own country, won by 6-8, 6-4, 11-9, 6-2 to enter the third round. The Australian is a sports goods salesman in Brisbane.

The biggest crowd of the tournament so far, including the Duchess of Kent, saw the remaining seven seeded players take their appointed places in the last 32.

Two dropped sets on the way — Ken Rosewall, top seeded Australian, and the American Gardner Mulloy. Rosewall beat Robert Abdessalam, French Davis Cupper, by 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, while Mulloy defeated A. Huber (Austria) by 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

The defeat of Morea leaves the way clear for Jaroslav Drobny (Egypt), runner-up last year, to reach the semi-final unless Ayre can repeat his form of today.

WORE DOWN THE GIANT

In a two-hour battle on the Centre Court, Ayre gradually wore down Morea. The Australian was the more consistent player, and after a terrific struggle for the third set, Morea fell away, making numerous mistakes, while his opponent gained confidence.

The two players, so evenly matched in the early stages, it was obvious that a long drawn-out battle was in store.

Ayre won mainly because he was able to take the huge service of Morea.

Ayre, after nullifying the big man's service for the best part of three sets and keeping him at full stretch, hit four tremendous returns in the 20th game of the third set to win it 11-9.

The Argentinian seemed to tire after this struggle and lost a lot of his sting while Ayre improved with every stroke.

Drobny and Vic Seixas (USA) were among the most fancied of the players of this year's tournament to reach the third round.

Drobny, runner-up last year, and seeded No. 4, had about the easiest passage, beating Bernard Barzen, the American, by 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, but Rosewall dropped a set against Robert Abdessalam, the French Davis Cup player, while Seixas was taken to 12 games in the third set by the former Foe, Vladislav Skonecki.

Rosewall, Australia's No. 2 and top seed for the Championship, beat Abdessalam by 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, and Seixas, second seed, who led the American Davis Cup team last year, defeated Skonecki by 6-2, 7-5, 7-5.

ROSEWALL DROPS SET

Rosewall, who at 18 is bidding to become the youngest holder of the coveted crown, dropped his first set of the Championship.

While he alternated between brilliance and mediocrity on the fast No. 1 Court, his chief rival, Seixas, gave an incisive display on the adjacent Centre Court.

Rosewall, holder of the Australian and French titles, played a beautifully controlled and varied game at the start of his match, precision driving to the corners interspersed with delicate drop shots had Abdessalam chasing helplessly.

Then his game went to pieces against fine relieving by the tenacious 33-year-old Frenchman. Seixas was his confidence and poise and he shook his head ruefully as he netted and overhauled, particularly on the back hand, to lose control of the game.

Abdessalam, attacking the net, broke through to lead 6-2 in the third set, which he took by 7-5. But the Australian showed the attributes of a real champion by mustering his forces for a brilliant winning rally.

The service power and the weighty net play of Seixas had Skonecki struggling for two sets, but then the former Polish international rallied in the third set to lead by 5-4 and 30-0 on his own service. Just when it appeared he must take the set, Skonecki was put faulted and the incident put him right out of his stride.

LESS THAN AN HOUR

Drobny, making his 10th bid for the title, took less than an

hour to beat Barzen in a battle of two hard-hitting left-handers. Drobny had to pull out nearly every shot in the book to subdue the aggressive American. It was Drobny's service strength which decided the issue as he did not concede a single service game.

Fourth-seeded Lewis Hood, 18-year-old Australian, lost to Court Champion, the ex-coach, in his court acrobatics, by 6-0, 6-4, 6-1. India's leading player could not match the Australian's power and speed of stroke.

The unseeded seeds, Mervyn Rose (Australia) and Art Larsen (USA), both had straight set victories over English internationalists. Rose beat Dr. Tan Lwin, former American Champion, by 6-1, 6-2, 7-5.

The most popular loser of the day was Alfred Huber, Austria's No. 1, who went down fighting in four sets to fifth seeded Mulloy. The chunky Australian's play was as fiery as his flame-colored hair and he had the No. 1 Court gallery roaring at his court acrobatics.

Ayre, Australia's national ice hockey goal-keeper in winter, showed all the agility of a net-minder and time and again flung himself full-length chasing Mulloy's shots.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

The second round of the Women's Singles was completed without any shock results though two of the "seeds" dropped sets.

Britain's Miss Angela Mortimer, who lost this opening set to Miss S. Schmitt (France), and Mrs. Nellie Adamson, France's No. 1, who was given a tough fight by British youngster Miss Rosemary Bulleid.

American seeds Miss Dorothy Knodel and Miss Shirley Fry had straight set victories.

British Wightman Cup player Miss Joan Curry was carried from the court after twisting her ankle during the match against Nell Hopman, Australia. Miss Curry retired with the score at one-set all.

THE RESULTS

Wimbledon, June 24.

Results of second round matches in the Men's Singles Championship played here today were:

V. Seixas (USA) beat V. Skonecki 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

J. Drobny (Egypt) beat B. Barzen (USA) 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

J. Arkinstall (Australia) beat A. Dehner (Holland) 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

R. Deyro (Philippines) beat J. Pickard (Britain) 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.

K. Rosewall (Australia) beat R. Abdessalam (France) 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

F. Ampon (Philippines) beat Z. Katona (Hungary) 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.

Men's Doubles

Wimbledon, June 24.

Results of first round matches in the Men's Doubles Championship played here today were:

K. Kumar and N. Nath (India) beat W. Anderson and J. Statham (Britain) 7-5, 6-0, 6-0.

F. Ampon and R. Deyro (Philippines) beat J. Barrett and J. Horn (Britain) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Edwin Tsai Beaten By Patty, But Not Disgraced

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Wimbledon, June 24.

Hongkong lost its only representative in the Men's Singles event at Wimbledon when this afternoon Edwin Tsai was beaten 5-7, 2-6, 0-6 in the second round by American Rudge Patty, former holder of the title.

Although beaten, Tsai was not disgraced. He will give worse displays and win.

Telling factor in today's game was Patty's experience. The more the match progressed the more confident he became.

His services assumed more power and he executed some delicate drop shots and acute angled cross-court drives.

As a result, Tsai was allowed little time to make his shots. This cut off his main source of points—driving to Patty's backhand—while he made the first set an even struggle.

After losing this set in which he saved two set points in the 10th game, Tsai did break through Patty's service to establish an early lead in the second set. But his success was short lived.

Patty took the next four games and won the set 6-2.

Tsai made a final gesture in the last game of the third set, losing 0-40 on his own service, he saved two match points.

This did not momentarily delay the inevitable, however, and Patty won 6-2.

S. Davidson (Sweden) beat G. Golden (USA) 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

G. Worthington (New Zealand) beat L. Haggelin (Sweden) 2-6, 0-6, 6-3, 6-2.

B. Patty (USA) beat E. Tsai (Hongkong) 7-5, 6-2, 6-0.

T. Johansson (Sweden) beat J. Grinda (France) by 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

T. Ulrich (Denmark) beat G. Morio (Italy) by 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

I. Ayre (Australia) beat E. Morea (Argentina) 6-8, 6-4, 11-9, 6-2.

Harwig (Australia) beat G. Pich (Britain) 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

H. Stewart (USA) beat Z. Nikolic (Yugoslavia) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

M. Rose (Australia) beat N. Lewis (Britain) 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

C. Wideson (Australia) beat E. Bulmer (Britain) 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

I. Warwick (Britain) beat J. Barzen (Spain) 6-0, 6-3, 7-9.

G. Mulloy (Austria) beat A. Huber (Austria) 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

L. Hood (Australia) beat N. Nath (India) 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.

A. Larsen (USA) beat D. Butler (Britain) by 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.

Woodroffe (South Africa) beat I. Sikorski (Hungary) by 5-7, 6-1, 6-0, 6-3.

P. Washer (Belgium) beat T. Tan (Indonesia) by 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

K. Nielsen (Denmark) beat K. Malcolm (South Africa) by 6-1, 6-6, 6-6, 6-6.

Women's Singles

Wimbledon, June 24.

Results of Women's Singles second round matches played here today were:

Miss J. Sampson (USA) beat Miss L. V. Vander Westhulsen (South Africa) 6-1, 6-3.

Mrs. H. Weiss (Argentina) beat Mrs. A. Downey (Ireland) 6-3, 6-1.

Miss A. Mortimer (Britain) beat Miss S. Schmitt (France) 2-6, 6-0, 6-6.

Miss J. Rinkel (Britain) beat Miss M. Harris (Britain) 6-0, 6-2.

Mrs. N. Adamson (France) beat Miss R. Bulleid (Britain) 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Mrs. H. Hopman (Australia) beat Miss P. Curry (Britain) by 6-1, 6-2, 1-0, retired.

Mrs. E. Broz (Austria) 6-4, 6-1.

Miss S. Fry (USA) beat Miss F. Walthew (Britain) 6-2, 6-2.

Mrs. D. Knodel (USA) beat Mrs. K. Fugeres (USA) 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

Men's Doubles

Wimbledon, June 24.

Results of first round matches in the Men's Doubles Championship played here today were:

K. Kumar and N. Nath (India) beat W. Anderson and J. Statham (Britain) 7-5, 6-0, 6-0.

F. Ampon and R. Deyro (Philippines) beat J. Barrett and J. Horn (Britain) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Moore, Maxim Weigh In

Ogden, Utah, June 24.

World Lightweightweight Champion Archie Moore, weighed 12 st. 5 1/2 lbs. when he weighed in this afternoon for his world title fight with challenger Joey Maxim tonight.

Maxim was one and a quarter pounds heavier.

Moore was late for the weigh-in and Maxim appeared to be a little "edgy," being reluctant at first to pose with Moore round the scales. He had re-dressed, refusing to wait in his ring clothes for the Champion to appear.

Maxim was confident he would win back the title which he lost to Moore last December. — Reuter.

THE LADIES' DERBY AT BOISTFORT



The finish of the famous Ladies' Derby at Boistfort, Belgium, shows the winner, Le Cavalier, ahead coming up to the winning post. The winner finished the race minus his shoes which were later recovered on the course. — Express Photo.

Middlesex Score 316 For 8 At Trent Bridge On A Rain-saturated Pitch

London, June 24.

Middlesex, the County Cricket Championship leaders, were put in to bat by Nottinghamshire on a pitch saturated by rain today but waded into the attack and were able to declare at 316 for eight.

The backbone of the innings was a first wicket stand of 169 in two hours 50 minutes by Sydney Brown and Harry Sharp. Both were given early "lives" but soon got on top of the bowling. Sharp made 74, including 13 boundaries, before he was caught at mid-off. Brown went on to get within five runs of his century. He hit a six and 14 runs.

Surrey, the Champions, whose batting has been erratic at times, showed a liking for the Oxford University attack and it was refreshing at last to see the first wicket pair making headway.

For this Tom Clark was chiefly responsible. Promoted in the order to open with Fletcher, he had successive partnerships of 53, 50 and 117.

He reached 111 himself in three and a half hours before being caught off an attempted big hit. Peter May, dropped from the Lord's Test, also showed good form with 91 and was in the century stand with Clark.

Oxford, after Surrey had declared, lost three wickets cheaply.

Cambridge University took over five hours to score 227 on a perfect pitch against Kent but finished in a sound position by taking three county wickets for only 21. Best batting came from Subbe-Jones, the Indian, with 57 in two hours, and from the West Indian, Lumsden, with a bright 38.

Another partial collapse by the team, batting second occurred when Gloucestershire began a reply to Worcestershire's 189 and lost two wickets for 22.

It was a dull day's cricket and brought ironical applause as each run was scored. But the pitch was never easy for batsmen and Gloucestershire's bowling was very accurate, no fewer than 60 maidens being sent down in a total of 118 overs.

HAND CLAPPING

There was ironical hand clapping at Newport because of the slow cricket but here again the patience of the batsmen was justified because of the pitch difficulties. Eager stayed nearly four and a half hours for his 103 which included 14 fours.

Dennis Brookes celebrated his captaincy of Northamptonshire in the absence of Freddie Brown—on Test duty—by reaching his first century of the season against Yorkshire in just under three hours. Yorkshire totted under the blue sky with Freddie Trueman conceding 61.

Taiwan Athletes Much Improved, Filipino Says

Manila, June 25.

Formosa's track and field athletes, especially long distance runners, have improved considerably since they last saw action in the Philippines.

This statement was made by Coach Jose Ravello, head of a 31-man Philippine track and field team that returned from Formosa yesterday.

Coach Ravello expressed the opinion that the Formosans may present quite a team when they come here for the Second Asian Games next May.

The Philippine team won two out of three competitions in Formosa, but lost to Formosa's best in the last of the three meetings held in Taipei.

Coach Ravello said he and his team were received warmly by the Chinese and Formosans wherever they went. — Reuter.

Canadian-Irish Final At Porthcawl

Porthcawl, Glamorgan, June 24.

Marlene Stewart, Canada's 19-year-old Champion, and Philomena Garvey, Ireland's 26-year-old title holder, meet tomorrow over 36 holes on the Royal Porthcawl links here in the final of the British Women's Championships.

Having won their way comfortably into the semi-final, they each then survived a tense struggle, Miss Stewart winning by a single hole against Scotland's Jean Doland, a Curtis Cup player, who was runner-up for the British title five years ago to America's Louise Suggs.

Only once previously had the Canadian played the last hole, having twice won by six and five and twice by six and four while succeeding by two holes in another round.

Miss Garvey, also a British Curtis Cup player, was runner-up to Mrs. Hetherington of England seven years ago. She won her semi-final by two and one against the lone American challenger, Lena Mary Faulk.

QUARTER-FINALS

Representatives of Canada, Scotland, Ireland and the United States qualified for the semi-finals.

Marlene Stewart, the youthful Canadian Champion, returned to her devastating form when she beat England's Elizabeth Price, heroine of Britain's Curtis Cup victory against America last year, by six and four.

Only in her fourth round game yesterday, Miss Stewart played the last four holes.

Jean Doland of Scotland, another Curtis Cup player, won for the third successive round by five and four when she eliminated Ireland's Mrs. James Fallon, but in another Scotland-Ireland clash Philomena Garvey, Ireland's title-holder, defeated Mrs. R. T. Peel by four and three.

In the last of the quarter-finals, the lone American entrant for the Championship, Lena Mary Faulk, put out Belgium's Arlette Jacquet by three and two.

Miss Stewart beat Miss Doland by a single hole, while Miss Garvey won by two and one against Miss Faulk in the semi-finals.

There will thus be a Canadian-Irish final over 36 holes tomorrow.

The two semi-finals followed somewhat similar patterns with the eventual losers fighting back after being three down near the end of the round.

REMARKABLE ACCURACY

Miss Stewart's remarkable accuracy and power from a 19-year-old standing only five feet tall was a feature of the Championship. Her score of three under four, when winning the quarter-final, represented some of the best golf of the event.

She was soon two up on Miss Doland and turned with that lead before winning another hole and going on to become a four-hole winner.

Then her concentration temporarily went and a topped drive at the 18th and three putts at the 17th lost her two holes.

Hopes of the gallery that Miss Doland would now square and take the match beyond the home green evaporated as the Canadian cracked two beautiful shots to the 18th to ensure a half and victory.

Miss Garvey lost the opening hole to Miss Faulk but took two of the next three and was never caught. Turning one up, she holed two tremendous putts to win the 11th and 12th holes for three up.

The American fought back to take the 14th and 15th but Miss Garvey had a grand four at the long 15th for dumpy two and halved the next hole for victory.

WALKER CUP DONOR DIES

New York, June 24.

Mr. George H. Walker, who gave the Walker Cup, further competition between British and American amateur golfers, died here today aged 78.

Mr. Walker, a banker, presented the trophy in 1920 while he was President of the United States Golf Association.

It was first competed for in 1922 and Walker Cup matches are now held every two years.

This year Britain is sending a team to play the Americans at Marion, Massachusetts, in September. — Reuter.

West 17th In Kinnaird Marathon

Peter West, formerly of the Royal Engineers, Hongkong, and holder of the Colony Three Miles, 10 Miles Road Race and Kowloon Marathon records, fulfilled one of his major ambitions when he completed his first full marathon course—26 miles 385 yards—in the Kinnaird Marathon on June 13, won by Jim Peters of the Essex Regles in world record time.

West placed 17th in 2 hours 59 minutes 33 seconds, running in the colours of Working Hatters. He was a good 20 minutes within Standard Mael time and it is indicative of the high standard of British distance running today that his time for 17th place would have been good enough for 30th place among the 53 runners in the Olympic Marathon at Helsinki.

The course, re-measured three times after Peters had set the world record time of 2:18:40.2, was found to be about 150 yards too long.

Lorraine Williams —Successor To "Little Mo"?

Chicago, June 24.

Lorraine Williams was "little more than a rag, a bone and a hank of hair" when she started playing tennis with a piece of plywood, a string and a water-soaked ball seven years ago.

Today, at 14, the pig-tailed Negro left-hander has her eye on the Championship trial blazed by Maureen Connolly. She just may fill the footsteps of Little Mo who won the National girls' title at 14, the women's crown at 16 and the Wimbledon Singles Championship at 17.

Lorraine vaulted to National attention last Summer when she went to the third round in the US Girls' Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at Philadelphia. She was the first Negro girl ever to compete for the title.

Lorraine's mother, Mrs. Marcela Williams, could ill afford racket and balls for the little girl who became starry-eyed watching matches through the fence at the Prairie Tennis Club.

She skirted to a nearby shop and proudly came home with a few pieces of plywood. Her mother cut out a paddle and nailed on a handle. Lorraine stretched a string across the back yard and started battling the water-logged ball she had found to volunteer from the Williams clan.

At the age of 10 she got her first racket one which a Prairie Club member had intended to throw away. The club formed a "Small Fry Section" and Lorraine won the Small Fry Championship a short while later.

Dr. Willis G. Ewell, a dentist, and his wife, Dorothy, both former ranking players, noticed Lorraine and took her to the University of Chicago tennis coach, Chet Murphy.

Lorraine proved a tireless pupil and quickly attained enough polish to win several tournaments.

Now grown to 5 feet and 105 lbs., Lorraine said, "I want to be as good as Miss Connolly. I want to be World's Champion." — United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



CRITICISM FOR HUTTON —BUT IT WAS ONLY A HORSE By DENIS COMPTON

The day before the Test selectors met to pick England's team for Nottingham, the Middlesex and Yorkshire players at Lord's decided to run a Derby sweepstake.

As Len Hutton, England's captain-elect, paid me his entrance fee he remarked dryly: "I think I know which horse I shall draw, Denis."

The penny didn't drop until the draw was made. When Len heard the name of his horse, he grinned broadly. "What did I say?" he asked. "I knew I would get it."

The horse was CRITICISM! The attention was paid to coincidences is, I suppose, another form of superstition.

At the 1938 Nottingham Test I obtained week-end leave of absence to spend Saturday night and most of Sunday with friends at Woodhall Spa, a Lincolnshire village some 30 miles away, and played a quiet game of tennis and a few holes of golf.

I have done the same in all subsequent Tests in which I have played at Nottingham and I am there again this year.

That's just one of a cricketer's many superstitions. I'm afraid not to go to Woodhall Spa, in case my luck breaks.

I hope my friends will not take that as any reflection of their hospitality!

Next to Lord's, Trent Bridge is my favourite ground, and I certainly have good cause to remember it.

Beginning in 1938, when I made my Test debut against Australia there, fortune has often favoured me on the historic old ground.

VIVID MEMORY
My most vivid memory is of returning to the dressing-room after having taken 102 runs from the 1938 attack of McCormick, O'Reilly, McCabe, Fleetwood-Smith and Ward.

You can imagine my delight at making my first Test appearance against Australia with a century, only a fortnight after my 20th birthday.

When I walked away from the wicket—the cheers from the crowd made happy music to my ears—England were 487 for five, and I reached the dressing-room fully expecting congratulations from our skipper, Walter Hammond.

To my dismay, Wally was not looking very pleased. At first he said nothing, but when I

began to unbuckle my pads he came over to me. "I was very disappointed at the way you got out," said the great Walter. "You must get this straight. When you play for England your duty to the side is to score as many runs as you can."

"You were doing very well until you passed your hundred. Then you made an extremely careless stroke. That was a wicket thrown away. We can't afford such luxuries in a Test Match."

"Next time, don't forget, to play for your side you must go on and on as long as you can."

"There's only one other thing—well played!"

If I was slightly confused at the time by my skipper's counsel, I have since realised how true were his words.

When set in a Test Match, a batsman's duty to his team is to provide a maximum effort, to the limit of endurance and concentration. Anything less amounts to letting down the side.

BEHIND THE SCENES
A famous old footballer now behind the scenes in first class cricket is Sam Cowan, former Manchester City captain and centre-half, now Sussex masseur.

The players owe him a good deal, for his skillful hands bring relief on the day of a match.

At Leicester last week young Ian Thomson, the medium-fast bowler, had more trouble with a pulled leg muscle and was very doubtful about his ability to bat or bowl.

After successful treatment—a few minutes' massage from Cowan, Ian made useful runs and took valuable wickets. Still limping slightly, he was remembering the old footballers' advice: "Go out there and fight—you can do it."

Sam used to rally Manchester City players in much the same way.

Durham University student Frank Tyson, described by many who have seen him as faster than Fred Trueman, has done well enough in University and friendly cricket to be regarded as a future England prospect.

Only performances in first-class cricket will, however, decide this.

He joins Northants at the end of the month. Northants have long hoped to find another fast bowler of the famous E. W. "Nobby" Clark calibre. With only a possible two months to play, Tyson should have a fairly comfortable breaking-in spell.

He joins Bob Clarke, the left-arm fast-medium bowler from Finedon, Northants, who has bowled as well this season as at any time in his career.

Clarke in past seasons was called upon to do a tremendous amount of work on Northamptonshire's easy-paced pitches and could not therefore always give of his best.

This summer he has started really well and with Frank Tyson should develop into a formidable new ball bowling combination.

—(London Express Service)

Another Upset Victory For The HKCC By "TOUCHER"

Hongkong Cricket Club, who scored a major upset two weeks ago when they defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Second Division of the Lawn Bowls League, produced another upset win yesterday by beating second-placed Recoil "B" by three points to two.

In the neck and neck race for Third Division honours Club de Recoil, playing off a postponed match, yesterday beat top-placed Craigengower by 4-1 to take second place in the League table with 24½ points—half a point behind CCC—with one game in hand and half a point in front of IRC on the same number of games played.

In another Third Division match, Prison Officers' Club had the better of Hongkong Football Club by 3½ points to 1½.

THE SCORES

Second Division	
CCC (3)	Recoil "B" (3)
G. W. Sewell	M. A. Roza
B. Mitchell	P. A. Roza
J. Moutat	A. J. Victor
W. Williamson	A. Gomez
(Skip)	(Skip)
H. G. Hanham	A. M. Silva
A. M. Elton	V. M. Ribeiro
R. J. Davies	J. J. Basso
(Skip)	(Skip)
N. Arthy	A. P. Ricci
D. Back	J. F. de Silva
R. A. Edwards	J. M. Gutierrez
(Skip)	A. Beltrao
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	Total
19	51

Third Division

Recoil (4)	CCC (1)
A. M. Baptista	J. P. Soares
B. Mitchell	P. A. Roza
H. G. Hanham	P. C. Lau
A. A. Gutierrez	R. Clay
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. L. Alves	C. M. Ma
D. Alves	H. K. Pavri
A. A. Remedios	S. Leonard
(Skip)	(Skip)
A. J. Seculera	J. Leonard
E. H. Carvalho	R. Baker
J. P. Xavier	R. Baker
E. Rozario	(Skip)
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	Total
70	46

HKFC (15)	ROC (15)
H. Viant	D. C. O. Lee
P. Wright	P. Martin
K. D. Baker	J. E. Burns
E. P. Gee	J. E. Burns
(Skip)	J. E. Burns
A. Roberts	D. C. O. Lee
R. Oyer	P. Martin
G. Taylor	J. E. Burns
J. Skinner	A. W. Hancock
(Skip)	(Skip)
E. Gaudier	W. Pearce
L. Traxman	J. Caldwell
Strang	(Skip)
K. St. Baker	(Skip)
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	Total
54	72

OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

At FRC, C. W. Metcalfe beat A. Jillett 21-8.
At CCC, C. E. Gough beat R. Goulay 21-20.

TODAY'S GAMES

Open Singles Championship
At HKFC, A. W. Hancock v. D. C. Symons.

MY BROTHER ALEC

The cricket writers call Alec "The Big Fella," "The Lion of Surrey," etc. I call him by a strictly private nickname.

You, the cricketing public, have known him as a cricketer more or less since he hit the headlines with his successful Test debut against the Indians in 1946; me—well, I've known him a lot better and a sight longer—since we arrived into this world within a few minutes of each other (me first) on July 4, 1918.

That is why Alec's story is pretty well my story. As identical twins we have made our way together; that is until Alec made his Test debut.

That is why when writing of Alec's early years—the years before he became famous—I must inevitably talk about the pair of us, for Alec's beginnings were mine also.

Though we were born at Reading we have lived, with our parents, since we were months old, in Woking. We learned to walk and to run and to play cricket there.

In fact it was a two miles walk each way from home to Maybury Central School from the age of five—there were no organised school buses in those days—which probably helped to develop our muscles and frames.

And it was as choirboys—at Woodham Church, Woking, that Alec and I first became interested in cricket. We joined the choir when we were seven and it was about the most sensible thing we have ever done. For the vicar, Canon R. T. Jourdain, was a cricket lover with a real passion for the game.

CHOIRBOY

He used to organise matches with other choirs and Sunday school sides on the lovely Woodham Hall estate (which unfortunately is now a housing estate). And, just as important, he supplied all the gear! It was on this ground that Alec started his career, and I, being the elder brother, took first steps towards professionalism by winning a money prize (one shilling) for top scoring. We were eight.

Now a shilling to Alec and me in those days was a princely

sum. Our pocket money was exactly 7s. 6d. per quarter (our choir pay).

There were the days of depression and pinched purses, and our parents, to whom we both owe so much, had a hard and self-sacrificing struggle to bring up two large and ravenous lads. There were few treats other than cricket and football which, incidentally, was our first love. In those days both of us wanted to play for Arsenal.

Our only outings were choir trips and we still remember our first trip to London with the choir—a trip which included a visit to the old Alhambra in Leicester Square to see "Little Tich."

FOOTBALLER
But sport was our real love. It was in the family. Mother's brother, A. V. Eadecock, played full-back for many years for Maidenhead United.

Father was outside right for Woking and had occasional outings for the professional club, Reading, as well as playing cricket for the local club side. He liked us to play as much football and cricket as we could, and mother played her part with strict insistence on regular meals and a rigid bedtime hour. As kids we played at back for the school, Woking Boys, and Surrey Boys. Usually I was left-back, Alec right-back, though we often swapped over without anyone noticing the difference!

By the time we were 13 Alec and I were cricket crazy. Our dreams of playing for Arsenal were receding fast.

There was no playing-field at our school; the only grass or concrete wicket to practise on. We had a piece of bare brown earth, though that was good enough.

With our own bats and pads Alec and I began to feel like real cricketers. We were 13.

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Hammond later that summer when he came down to play against the local side at nearby Chobham that set us thinking seriously.

Odd, isn't it, that Wally was to be Alec's first England skipper?

Next year the old Surrey all-rounder Alan Poch opened a cricket school at Woking, and soon we were spending every spare moment of our time there.

I think Alec and I owe more to Alan than to any other living person—except, of course, our parents. Alan became a second father to us—our cricketing father. At week-ends we would often get to his school at ten in the morning and bowl to his pupils right through to six in the evening—in fact until we could hardly stand up.

That's how we learned to play real cricket.

TOMORROW: THE OVAL.
—(London Express Service)



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Tilden Or Budge?— Experts Disagree On Who Was Better

New York, June 24.

The experts, like the ordinary fans, can disagree violently in picking all-time lists of anything, and tennis is no exception—two men who have seen all the great players don't agree on the greatest, and one picks Bill Tilden, one Don Budge.

Tilden, who recently died of a heart attack at 60, is the choice of Mercer Benesky, generally rated as America's greatest tennis teacher. He tutored Ellsworth Vines, Wilmer Allison, Frank Parker, Pancho Segura and Doris Hart, among others, and has been a teacher for 30 years.

"Tilden never saw the day he could beat Don Budge," reports Walter Pate, who has been closely identified with tennis for almost 40 years as player, coach and non-playing captain of Davis Cup teams.

Here's Benesky's case—for Tilden:

HAD EVERYTHING
"Bill had everything and his eight USA and three Wimbledon Championships prove that. Tilden at his best would be the best player of any era. Tilden's cannonball serve still is the best the game has ever seen."

And here's Pate, arguing for Budge:

"Budge was the greatest money player the game ever had. He never lost a big match. Look at the record books. For five straight years Tilden lost a match in Davis Cup play. In 1927 and 1928, Rene Lacoste beat Tilden; in 1928-29 Henri Cochet beat him."

"In 1928 the score against Tilden was 0-3, 0-1, 0-2. I can't imagine Cochet or any other player doing that to Budge. Budge is the only player ever to win four major Championships (Australian, French, Wimbledon

Essex Play The Commonwealth

Romford, June 24.
A powerful Commonwealth team including five West Indians, three Australians and a player from each of South Africa, India and England did not fare too well against Essex here today, losing four wickets for 88 after dismissing the county for 235.

Essex owed a great deal to 22-year-old W. T. GreenSmith, who put up his best score in first class cricket with 81 after four wickets had fallen for 82.

Two smart catches by Everton Weeks clinched two of those early wickets off the bowling of India's G. Ramchand and West Indies Royal Marshall.

The best bowling came from J. Pattiford, an Australian, with four for 57 in 20 overs.

The Commonwealth batted for 70 minutes in poor light, and lost Worrall, Marshall, Walcott, all West Indians, Grand bowling by Ray Smith, who toured India with the Commonwealth team three years ago, was the chief cause. He claimed all three West Indians for only 12 runs with his fast medium deliveries.

—Router.

Liberation Shield Match On Sunday

The first of the Liberation Shield lawn bowls games between the KCC and the KBGC, which had to be postponed owing to rain on Sunday, June 14, will be played on Wednesday, July 1, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, starting at 4 p.m. On Saturday next, KCC are staging a Coronation Mixed Wappinehew, beginning at 4 p.m. It is open to all members and lady subscribers.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 25 Orders By Lt. Col. C. P. Vaughan, DSO, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force: Dated June 23, 1953.

Force Orders
The Governor, by His Excellency The Governor, has been pleased to award the following honours and decorations to members of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force, and for their exemplary records of attendance on parades:

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● Such a man is ALEC BEDSER, the Surrey giant who humbled the Australian batsmen. His life story—exclusive to the Daily Express—begins today by his twin brother Eric.

ALEC

Beginning a new and intimate series on England's great bowler by twin brother ERIC BEDSER



FROM THE BEDSER ALBUM: The boy twins. Which is which? Alec is on the right in each picture.

Well, almost. We had to borrow the caretaker's broom to sweep the stones away before we could start... and repeat the process every ten minutes.

That's the wicket on which Alec and I used to put in almost an hour's practice every morning before school.

Then one day Canon Jourdain took us to see our first county game. It was Surrey v. Middlesex at the Oval.

Things were beginning to happen which were to shape our future lives—the future which was to reach its peak at Trent Bridge last Saturday.

Shortly after that first visit to the Oval father gave us the choice between a seaside holiday or a cricket bat and a pair of pads each. Need I say that neither of us saw the seaside that summer?

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Hammond later that summer when he came down to play against the local side at nearby Chobham that set us thinking seriously.

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Next year the old Surrey all-rounder Alan Poch opened a cricket school at Woking, and soon we were spending every spare moment of our time there.

I think Alec and I owe more to Alan than to any other living person—except, of course, our parents. Alan became a second father to us—our cricketing father. At week-ends we would often get to his school at ten in the morning and bowl to his pupils right through to six in the evening—in fact until we could hardly stand up.

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He Beats Mechanical Brain

Calculating machines now in use can work out in a few minutes complicated arithmetical sums it would take most men days to solve. But a forty-year-old Dutch prodigy, Wim Klein, has proved that his brain works nine times as fast as the best machine Britain can produce.

In a demonstration at Moston, Lancashire, where calculating machines are made, Klein challenged the machine and won hands down, and proved himself as fast or faster than any calculating prodigy of whom there is historic record.

Klein, who was seized by a passion for figures when he was seven years old, knows by heart the multiplication table up to 100 times, "squares" up to 1,000, the first 20 powers of 3 as well as the logarithms to five decimal places up to 150. He told his fascinated audience that he was calculating for his own pleasure up to 20 decimal points at sixteen years of age.

In the course of his demonstration he multiplied 10 digits by ten more in his head in less than a minute. He divided a row of figures on a large blackboard by 2,071,723 and gave 45,865 as the answer in amazing speed. He gave the square root of 150 as 12.2474 and, on being prodded, promptly added 487 to the decimal. He also dealt with the logarithm of the fifth root of 583, and then multiplied 35,712 by 42,791 and divided the product by 19,321.

Klein, not surprisingly, is employed as a calculator at the Mathematics Centre, Amsterdam, and is visiting Britain to lecture at grammar schools at the invitation of the London University Institute of Education. He has also given an audition in London organised by the Magic Circle.

Russian Sailors' Buying Spree In South Africa

Capetown, June 24. The new Russia — Malenkov's Russia — has made a big impression in this city with prodigious buying sprees.

Capetown is used to the annual visit of Russians going to and fro on Antarctic whaling expeditions. But nothing like this has happened before.

Usually it is a march through the town of a group of solemn, silent, staring Russians in groups of six or seven, headed by a commissar who does all the talking, and moving at the pace of Volga boatmen. They ignored red traffic lights, plodding grimly through the speeding wheels at peak hours, stolidly by-passing traffic policemen, and stopping in the middle of the street to stare at the flash of nylon stockings on a pretty girl.

New Russia's manners are no longer those of the stooped, shuffling, old-fashioned Russians who have been passed from Moscow to the dirty, oil-smeared wharf for a ship now in port and their whole gamut before they sighted Table Bay.

But the Russians are different in many ways, although they are the same stocky, blue-beretted seamen. It is smiles all the way. The most astonished section are the shop girls who have in the past few days served the Malenkov Russians with luxury articles for their womenfolk back home.

ON THEIR OWN

The ship's master, 40-year-old Alexei Solynik, distributed £54,000 among his expedition in South African notes on arrival, and it is estimated that most of this has been spent here. Whaler men, in the same party of six or seven, have dropped the commissars, and they have been on their own gigantic spending spree. Silks, satins, tapestry, linen, silver, baby layettes and blankets have been carried to the dock, bound for Russia.

The Russians speak no English. If they like a roll of blue serge, they beam at the shop assistant and give her the wallet, from which the girl

extracts the price of the goods, and then hands the wallet back. With silk, the whaler men pass it from hand to hand, fingering the cloth and tearing off bits until it is taken from them.

WELL-BEHAVED

Mechanical toys have kept dozens of grown men spell bound for hours as shop assistants demonstrate walking dolls, moving tanks, guns which fire corks and hundreds of these are on their way to presumably enlightened homes in Russia.

The new Russians are apt to stop girls, shake hands and move off shyly. They will gather round a blind man in the street and give him banknotes. A coloured man playing a banjo will set them jigging on the pavement.

And all day long a procession of Russians makes its way to the dock to the big Russian ship Slava, weighed down with parcels. They are well-behaved, smiling men, apparently unimpaired with disciplined goodwill. The few people who can talk their language quote them as saying "We are all friends at last."

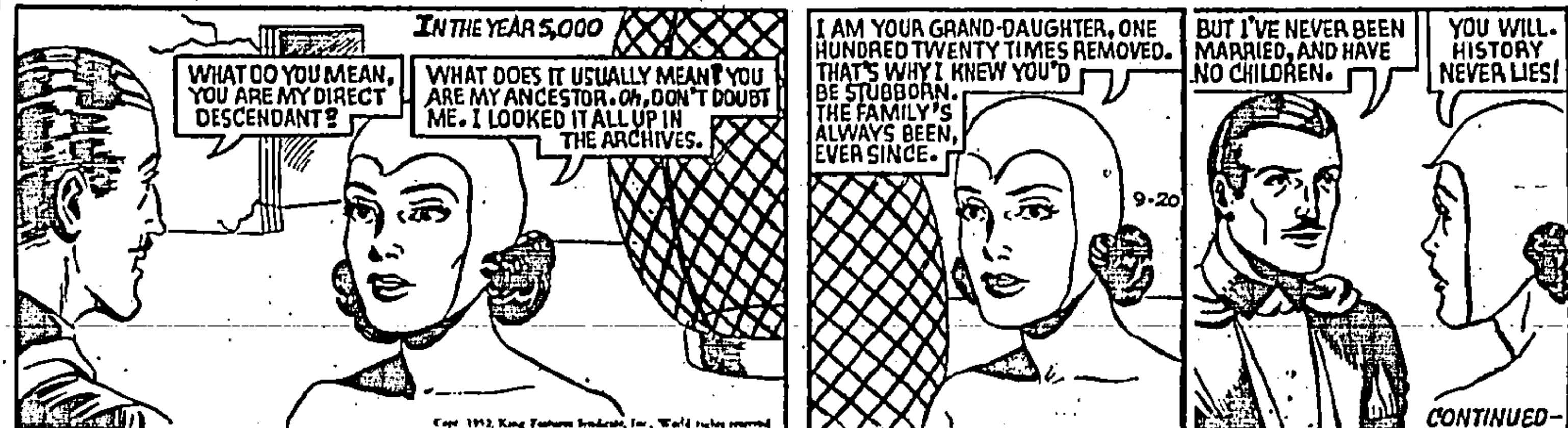
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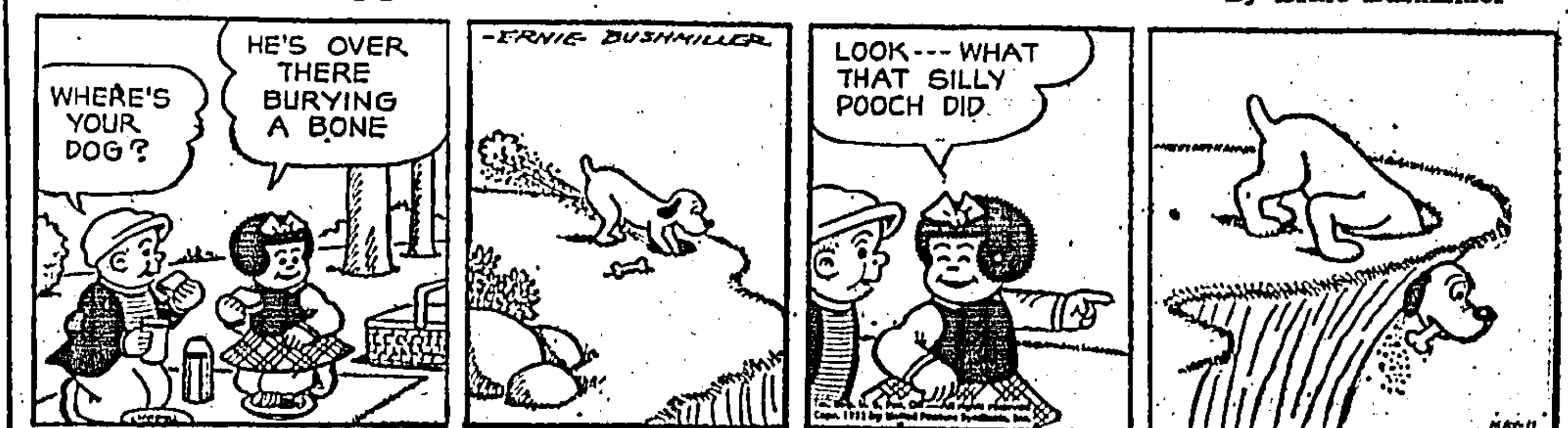
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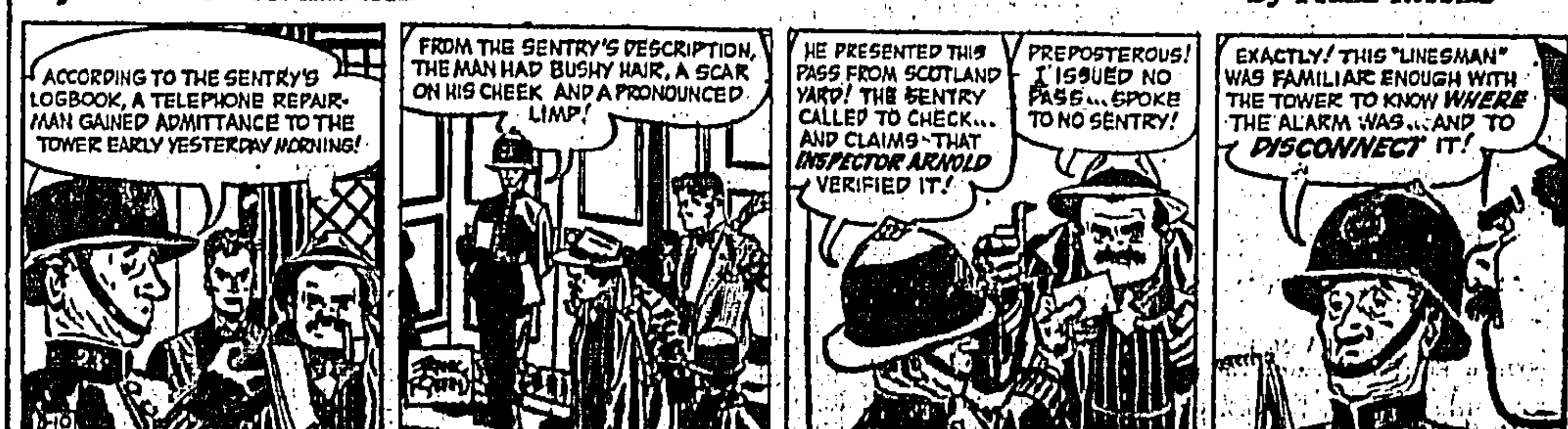
Dog-gone — Almost

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DEAD

London, June 24. First Territorial ranker to win the Victoria Cross during World War One, Captain Douglas Belcher has died at Claygate, Surrey.

Captain Belcher's long military career was marked by an unusual achievement, twice he enlisted in the ranks and twice he was commissioned, rising to captain on both occasions.

It was as a boy of 16 that he first put on uniform, joining the Volunteer Force in 1901. In 1912 he joined the Rifle Brigade, and it was in 1913 that he won his V.C. during the second battle of Ypres. He was a lance sergeant in charge of an advanced breastwork, south of the Victoria St. Rifle and organised its defence by night, men under heavy enemy bombardment.

The parapet was continually shattered by shelling, but by skill and gallantry he maintained his position for 18 hours, firing on the enemy at short range as they gathered for an attack.

"There is little doubt that the bold front held by him prevented the enemy breaking through and averted an attack on the flank of one of our divisions," stated the official citation.

During the last two years of the war Captain Belcher was commissioned and served with the Queen Victoria Rifles. From 1919 to 1922 he served with the 6th Gurkha Rifles, Indian Army, retiring as a captain.

Shortly before World War Two he joined a national defence company and in August 1939 enlisted in the London Rifles as a private. Later he was commissioned in the Royal Army Pay Corps and was invalided out of the Army in 1943.

On the morning after his death a Coronation Medal, sent by post, was received at his home. It would have been his second Coronation medal. One of Captain Belcher's two sons is a quartermaster-sergeant, serving with R.E.M.E. in Singapore.

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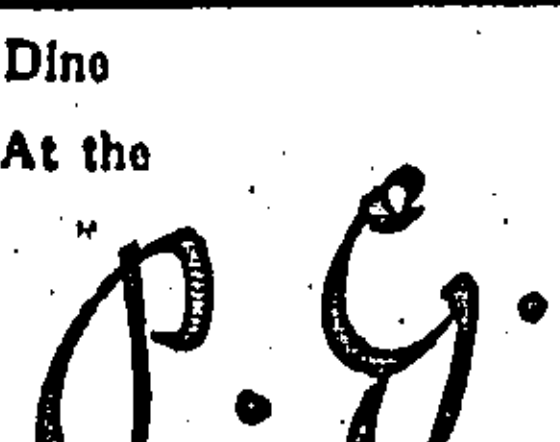
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The Future At Stake

PATIENTLY, for a dozen years or so, Mary has been building defences against the future's uncertainty.

In her late 20's finding herself single still, at an age when most of her contemporaries had joyfully thrown in their lot for the hazards of marriage and a husband's wage packet, Mary also quit her office desk.

She resigned from a secretarial job that paid unusually well, and went to another where the pay was less. Some of her friends thought her action strange, but Mary knew what she was about: the first job provided no pension, the second one did.

TRANQUILLITY

In the employ of this second firm, Mary grew to middle-age, and a tranquillity settled upon her that shows in her features; she is a spinster still but she has not some spinster's fear of the economies of the future.

In the job she took so prudently, a dozen years ago, Mary has done well, earning much praise and several times receiving increases in salary. She now earns £8 a week and the value of her pension has been relatively enhanced.

The other day, Mary was seized with that fever that assails most women at this time of the year, whose principal symptom is a grave discontent with their wardrobe that can only be cured by purchasing something new to wear.

A NEW HAT

MARY decided she wanted a new hat. She went methodically about the business of getting one. First, in a luncheon hour, she explored a number of West End stores, pinpointing one that looked the most promising.

Next luncheon hour she went back to the chosen store and mentally made a note of exactly which hat she desired to possess.

On the third day she set off to buy the selected hat.

Here, alas, her careful system broke down, for the shop was about to close, and when she picked up the hat and handed it to an assistant, the assistant said (if Mary can be believed) "Sorry madam, we're closed," and stalked off.

"So I put down the hat I had chosen, and picked up another one and left the store, though I don't think why I did that," said Mary next morning at Great Marlborough Street, where she had pleaded not guilty to stealing a hat priced 12s. 11d. from the store.

"You came for a hat, and you left with one," said Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the magistrate. "Isn't that so?"

"Yes," Mary admitted.

'HORRIFIED'

COUNSEL told the store's side of the story, saying that though Mary had been arrested at just about the official hour of closing, customers were always given ten minutes' grace after that time, and could buy things then if they wished.

"What do you want to say?" Mr Bennett asked Mary, who stood a model of crisp nerves, in black and white, in the dock.

"I was horrified when I found the hat in my hand, and knew I hadn't paid," Mary said, was just wondering how I could take it back."

"Oh, come, come, come," said the magistrate, "we're all grown up here. I can understand you struggling to explain, for if you lose your job and your pension as a result of this, it may be a tragedy for you, though I hope it won't."

Behind her glasses, tears began to well into Mary's eyes.

"I do believe that if you'd been attended to at that shop, you'd never have found yourself in this dreadful position," the magistrate said. "I'll try to help you. You will pay five guineas costs, and I'll discharge you absolutely, that doesn't sound so bad."

Mary, sobbing, went out. It would be days, weeks, perhaps, before she knew what her long-lingering for a new hat had cost her in terms of the future.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

Japanese Note Makes Government Sit Up And Take Notice

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, June 23.

Japan spoke fairly strongly on trade last week and the Federal Government sat up and took considerable notice.

Japan, through a diplomatic note, has warned Australia that she almost certainly will have to cut purchases of wool drastically unless she can earn more sterling.

This, of course, is a pretty broad hint that she wants more trade with Australia. It has disturbed the Government because a cut in Japanese buying would weaken the wool market and cut down our export earnings.

The threat is regarded so seriously that this fact alone could be responsible for the easing of import restrictions, which would be one way that Japan could earn more sterling.

The Japanese Embassy in Canberra gave brief details of the diplomatic note. In it Japan told Australia that she is in a dangerous position because sterling restrictions are draining her quickly of sterling reserves.

Import restrictions imposed by Australia in 1952 reduced drastically the sale of Japanese goods to Australia. In 1951-52 Australia bought £43-million worth of goods from Japan and sold her £47-million worth—or in other words, the budget was near enough to being balanced. But in the first nine months of 1952-53 Japan had bought £59-million worth of goods but sold Australia only £5-million worth.

The Federal Government's greatest concern is the effect that a drastic Japanese cut in wool buying would have on the market. Of the £69-million exports to Japan, £48-million of it was for wool.

SECOND BIGGEST

By the end of this month Japan will have bought £80-million worth of wool in the season to make her Australia's second biggest customer. Japan buys mainly short staple wool which tends to strengthen the whole market and keep prices firm.

A fall of 1d lb in the price of wool means a loss of about £4-million in the Australia wool cheque.

A second point worrying the Government is that, to all intents and purposes, Japan has taken Australia's place as a buyer of Australian wool. Except for the loss in dollars, we have not been greatly worried by the falling off in US purchases, but reduced buying by both the United States and Japan could be really serious.

The city of Sydney, apparently, has acquired a touch of European culture. Sleek and beautiful Swiss model, Rosemary Till, walking through town this week, said to her companion: "This country has a lot of wonderful things, but I get homesick sometimes for the cafes and my friends back there. But that, now, I like that. That's just like home."

"That" was a section of Sydney's busiest street which a gang of eager boaters were busily tearing up.

POISON SCARE

A little known poison, thallium, has caused a considerable scare in police circles, and people who should know say some of the State's star detectives are getting out a lot of dusty files and reading up the cases again.

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Administered in minute doses in tea, cake, lollies and so forth, it takes its course gently and gradually, but inevitably.

Its only tell-tale mark is the falling out of hair from the victim—and it is this symptom that has caused the stir at police HQ.

The use of thallium as the almost perfect murder weapon became known less than two years ago, but police believe that anything up to 12 people have died from it.

The police this week exhumed the body of a woman from a country town and in the next few days they may examine the ashes of a man.

Lots more graves may soon be opened in the early morning.

Some disturbing reports have been seeping into Canberra about the doings of Ministers and members of Parliament in London for the Coronation.

The reports say that Speaker Archie Cameron insisted on wearing classic aided boots to all functions—even to the Coronation itself.

The High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas White, also caused a stir when he went to the airport to meet the Leader of the Opposition, but ignored the arrival of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator O'Sullivan.

But worst of all, say the reports, a well known Labour man stood with his hands in his pockets and smoking a cigarette while the rest of a distinguished gathering sang God Save the Queen.

But all hands admit that the Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, has done us proud...the right dress, the right look, the right smile and the right bearing.

The Coronation has really been the Big Time in the life of Robert Gordon Menzies.

MIGRATION PROGRAMME

The Federal Government will again step up its migration programme next year. It proposes to bring 100,000 migrants to Australia in 1953-54 compared with 80,000 in the present year.

The intake for succeeding years will also be expanded, provided there is no adverse effect on the Australian economy in the meantime.

The additional 20,000 migrants this year will be made up of 5,000 workers and 15,000 members of families of migrants already in Australia.

The newcomers will be drawn mainly from Britain but there will be some from Continental countries.

LOST AND FOUND

While New South Wales has lost 300,000 tons of coal through strikes in the last 10 weeks, two big export markets for coal in Singapore and Korea have been found.

A hundred thousand tons of coal is to be shipped from Newcastle to Korea and 8,000 tons is to leave as an initial shipment for Singapore.

Thirteen ships, mainly Japanese, are expected to lift the coal.

On the other hand, the Australian Trade Commissioner in Malaya, Mr A. J. Day, reports that some Singapore fruit dealers have threatened to boycott some Australian exporters.

Mc Day says the Singapore Fresh Fruit Dealers' Association had threatened the boycott because some Australian exporters, faced with a falling market, had shipped fruit to Singapore contrary to instructions. The Association alleged that the exporters had then drawn on letters of credit established in Australia by Singapore exporting firms.

It is understood that the Government views the matter rather seriously, and is making inquiries.

URGES RECOGNITION

Professor Nathaniel Peffer, of Columbia University New York, is a visitor to Australia at present, and this week spoke over one of the most popular sessions on the air "Guest of Honour".

In his talk Professor Peffer, who is an expert on Far Eastern Affairs, urged recognition of the Chinese Communist Government.

"There is a school of thought which believes that the present Chinese Government should be recognized," he said.

"I belong to that school. I believe the Chinese people,

whether Communist or not, have learned that Russia is an aggressive expanding Power to be feared.

"Whatever we do in the Far East in years to come, I think it is essential to work with some stability and that requires a lasting settlement with China, even if for a very long time we have every ground for suspicion of China, which indeed we have."

WOMEN'S TASK

A woman witness told the Arbitration Court this week that husbands and wives should do turns at washing, ironing and chopping wood.

Most wives could—and did—chop wood, she said.

The witness was Miss Ruth Hoban, Director of Social Studies at Melbourne University. She was giving evidence for the Australian National Council of Women, and Federation of Women's Clubs, who are seeking a new award.

Miss Hoban said she thought it socially desirable for a married woman to continue to work after marriage, if the woman wanted to continue working.

The husband should also have a choice whether to go to work and look after the children if he was prepared to take over the entire responsibility.

TROOPS WORK OVERTIME

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announcement of planned new British atom tests in Australia. It provoked speculation that these tests would be discussed in the private Washington meeting.

A spokesman for the United States Atomic Energy Commission declined to comment on this possibility.

John Cockcroft is Director of the atomic research establishment at Harwell and chairman of the Defence Research Committee.

He had meetings today with Mr Tom Johnson, Director of the American Commission's Research Division, Dr Lawrence Hafstad, Director of Reactor Department, and Dr John Hughes, Director of the Biology and Medicine Division. He will have further talks with other Commission scientists.—Reuter.

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